



Statutes ma

de in the Parliamēt, begon
at Westmyſter, the.iiii. day of No-
uembze, in y first yere of the Reigne
of our most dread ſoucteygne lorde
EDWARD the. VI. By the
grace of God, kynge of Englande,
Fraunce, & Irelande, Defendor
of the faith, & of the Church
of England, & also of Ire-
land, in earth the ſupre-
me heade: and from
thens continued
to the. xxiij.
daye of
De-
cember,
then nexte
enſuyng: that
is to ſay, in y first
Session of the ſame
Parliamēt, as ſolloweth.

Ranulph Bārtol Liber

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He Kynges mooste excellent
 Maiestie, myndyng the gouernaunce
 and ordre of hys mooste louyng subiec-
 tes, to bee in mooste perfyte vnitie and
 con corde in all thynges, & in espyceall,
 in the true fayth and relygion of God
 and wishyng thesame to bee broughte
 to passe wyth all clemencie and mercye
 on his highnes parte towards them,
 as his mooste princely serenitie & Ma-
 iestye hath already declared by euident
 proce, to thynkēt p his most louyng sub-
 iectes, prouoked by clemencie & good-

nes of theyr Prince & Kyng, shal stude rather for loue then for feare, to
 do theyr dueties, fyrst to almighty God, and then to hys highnes & the
 common wealth, nourishyng con cord and loue emong themselves: yet
 considreth and perceyueth, that in a multitude all bee not on that sorte;
 that reason and the knowledge of their dueties can moue them from
 offence, but many whyche had nede haue some bydle of feare, and that
 thesame be men moost contencious and arrogant for the moost part, or
 els moost blynde and ignoraunt: By the meanes of whyche sorte of me,
 many thynges well and Godly instituted, and to the edification of ma-
 ny, be peruerted and abused, and turned to their awne and others great
 losse and hynderaunce, and sometyme to extreme destruction: The why-
 che doth appere in nothyng more or soner, then in matters of religion,
 and in the greate and high mysteries thereof, as in the mooste comforta-
 ble Sacrament of the body and blood of our sauour Iesu Christ, com-
 monly called the Sacrament of the Altar, and in scripture the ***Sup-**
per and ***Table** of the Lorde, the ***Communion** and ***Partakyn**g of the
 body and blood of Christ: whych Sacrament was instituted of no lesse
 aucthor then of our sauour bothe God and man, when at his last sup-
 per emongest his Apostles he dyd take the bread into his holy handes,
 and did saye: ***Take** you and eate, This is my body, vvhych is Geuen and
***Broken** for you. And takyng vp the ***Chalice** or cup, dyd ***Geue** than-
 kes and saye: Thys is my blood of the newe Testament vvhych is shed
 for you and for ***Many**, for the ***Remission** of synnes, that ***Whensoever**
 wee should doo thesame, wee should do it in the remembraunce of hym,
 and to declare and sette furthe his death and mooste glorious Passiō
 vntyll his comyng. Of the whiche ***Bread**, whosoever, eateth, or of the
 whyche ***Cuppe** whosoever drynketh vnworthely, eateth and drynketh

***1. Cor. 11.**
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***Mar. 14.**
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condempnation and iudgement to hymself, makynge no difference of the Lordes body. The institution of whiche Sacrament, beyng ordeyned by Christ, as is beforesayd, and thesayd woordes spoken of it here before rehearsed, beyng of eternall infallible, and vndoubted truth: yet the sayd Sacrament (all thys notwithstanding) hath been of late, incruellously abused by suche maner of me before rehearsed, who of wickednes, or els of ignorance, and want of learnyng, for certayn abuses heretofore committed of some, in misusyng therof, haue condempned in theyr hartes and speche, the whole thyng, and contemptuously depzaued, despyled, or reuiled thesame moste holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed and reasoned vntreuerently and vngodly, of that moste hygh mistery, but also in their sermons, preachynges, readynges, lectures, communications, argumentes, talkes, rimes, songes, playes, or games, name or call it, by suche vile and vnseemly woordes, as christian eares do abhorre to heare rehearsed: for reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that whatsoeuer person or persones, from, and after the fyrst daye of May next comyng, shall depzaue, despile, or contempne thesayd moste blessed Sacrament, in cōtempt thereof by any contemptuous woordes, or by any woordes of depzaunge, despylyng or reuilyng: or what persone or persones, shall aduisedly, in any other wyse contempne, despile or reuple thesayd moste blessed Sacrament, contrary to theeffectes and declaration abouesayd, that then he, or they shall suffre imprisonment of hys, or their bodies, and make fyne and rāunsome, at the kynges will and pleasure.

And for full and effectuall execution of the premysse before deuised, ordeyned and enacted by this acte: be it furthermoze enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that immediatly after the fyrste daye of May next comyng, the Iustices of peace, or thre of them at the least, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery Shire of thys realme, and Wales, and all other places, wythin the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of thys acte, aswell to take information and accusation by the othes and depositions, of tmoō habyle, honest and lefull persones at the least, and after such accusation or information so had, to inquire by the othes of twelue men in euery their foure quarter Sessions yerely to bee holden, of all and synguler suche accusations or informations, to bee had, or made of any of the offences abouesayd, to be committed or doen, after thesayd fyfte daye of May, wythin the lymtes of their cōmission: and that vpon euery suche accusation and information, the offendor and offendozs shall be inquired of, and indicted, before thesayd Iustices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesayd, of thesayd contemptes & offences, by the verdictte of twelue honeste and indifferent men, if the matter of thesayd accusation and

ction and informacion shall seme to thesaid Iury, good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaid Justices of Peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesaid, before whom any suche presentment, informacion, and accusacio shall be made or taken, as is aforesaid, shall examine the accusors, what other witnesses by, and present, at the tyme of doynge and committing of the offence: Whereof the informacion, accusacio, and presentment shall be made; and how many others then the accusors, have knowledge thereof: and shall have power and aucthoritie by their discretions, to bynd by recognisaunce to be taken before them, as well thesaid accusors, as all suche other persones, who thesame accusors shall declare to have knowledge of the offences, by them presented and informed, euery of them in five poundes to the kyng, to appere before thesaid Justices of peace, before whom, the offender or offenders, shall be tried at the daie of triall and deliuerance of suche offenders.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaid Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesaid, by vertue of this acte, shall have full power and aucthoritie, to make processe against euery persone and persones so indicted, by twoo Capias and an exigent, and by Capias utlagas, as well within the limites of their commission, as into all other shires and places of this realme, Wales and other the kynges dominions, as well within the liberties as without, and thesame processe to be good and effectuell in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes: And vpon the apparaunce of any of the offenders, shall have full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and the commission of Peace, to determine the contemptes and offences aforesaid, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, and effectes of this acte: and that thesaid Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is abovesaid, shall have full power and aucthoritie, to let any suche persone or persones so indicted, vpon sufficient sureties by their discretions, to bail for their apparaunce, to be tried accordyng to the tenor, forme and effecte of this acte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that thesaid Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offender or offenders shall be, or stande indicted of any of the contemptes or offences abovesaid, shall direct and award one writt in the kynges name to the Bisshoppe of the Diocese, wherein thesaid offence or offences are supposed to be committed or doen: willpng and requirng thesaid Bisshoppe, to be in his awne persone, or by his Chauncellour, or other his sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions in thesaid Countie to be holden, when, and where, thesaid offender shall be arraigned and tried, appoynting to them in thesaid writt, the date and place of thesaid arraignment, whiche writte shall be of this fourme: Rex &c. Ep̄s. L. salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, uel alius deputatus

rus sufficient, eruditus, fideis cum iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, in com̃ nostro, B. conferuand, assignat. apud D. tali die, ad sessionem nostrā, ad tunc & ibm̃ tenend, ad dand, consilium & aduisament, eiusdem iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, super arranament, & deliberationem offendenc, contra formā statuti, concernen, sacrosanctum sacramentum altaris,

Whouded alwaie, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that no persone or persones, shalbee indicted of any the contemptes or offences abouesaid, but onely of suche contemptes or offences, as shalbe doen, or perpetrated, within thre monethes, nexte after thesaid offences, or offence, so committed or doen.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that in all trialles for any suche offenders, before thesaid Justices, as is aforesaid, the persone or persones, beyng complained on, and arraigned, shalbee admitted to purge or trie, his, or their innocencie, by as many, or mo witnesses in numbze, and of as good honestie and credence, as the witnesses be, whiche depose against hym, or them, or any of them.

AND forasmuche as it is more agreable, bothe to the firste institution of thesaid Sacrament of the moste precious body and bloud of our sauioꝝ Iesu Christs, and also more confoꝛmable to the commo ṽse and practise, bothe of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Church, by the space of fife hundredeth yeres and more, after Christs Ascensio, that thesaid blessed Sacrament should be ministered to all Christian people, vnder bothe the kyndes of Bread and Wine, then vnder the foꝛme of Bread onely: and also it is more agreable, to the first Institution of Christ, and to the ṽlage of the Apostles, and the primatiue church, that the people beyng present, should receiue thesame with the priest, then that the priest should receiue it alone: therefore, be it enacted by our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, with the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaid moste blessed Sacrament, be hereafter commonly deliuered and ministered vnto the people within this Church of Englande and Irelande, and other the kynges dominions, vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to saie, of Bread and Wyne, excepte necessitie otherwise require: and also, that the priest, whiche shall minister thesame, shall, at the least one date before, exhort all persones, whiche shalbe present, likewise to resorte, and prepare themselves, to receiue thesame. And when the date prefixed cometh, after a godly exhortacion by the minister made (wherein shalbe further expessed the benefite and comfoꝛt promised to thein, whiche worthely receiue thesaid holy Sacrament: and daunger and indignacion of God, threatened to thein, whiche shall presume, to receiue thesame vnworthely, to the ende that euery man maie trie and examyne his awne conscience, before he shall receiue thesame) thesaid minister shal not, without a lawfull cause deny thesame to any persone, that will deuoutely and humbly desire it:
any

any law, statute, ordinaunce, or custome, contrary therunto, in any wise notwithstanding: not condemning hereby, the vsage of any Church out of the kynges maiesties dominions.

The. ii. Chapter.

20 An acte for the election of Bishoppes, and what seales and stile, they, and other spirituall persones, exercising iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, shall vse.



E As muche as the elections of Archbishops and Bishoppes, by the Deanes and Chapters within the kynges maiesties realmes of Englande and Irelande, at this present tyme, be aswell to the long delaye, as to the greate costes and charges of suche persones, as the kynges maiestie geueth any Archbishopsche or Bishopsche vnto: And where as the said elections, be in very deede, no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge deslier, haue colours, shadowes, or pretences of elections, setting neuerthelesse to no purpose, and sempyng also derogatorie and preiudiciall to the kynges prerogative royall, to whom onely appertaigneth the collacion and gyfte of all Archbishopsches, and Bishopsches, and Suffragan Bishops, within his highnesse lated realmes of Englande, and Irelande, Wales, and other his dominions and Marches: For a due reformation hereof, be it therefore enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same, that from hencefurthe, no suche Conge deslier be graunted, nor election of any Archbishop, or Bishopp, by the Deane and Chapter made: but that the kyng make, by his letters Patentes at all tymes, whē any Archbishopsche, or Bishopsche be void confer the same to any person, whom the kyng shall thinke mete. The whiche collacion so by the kynges letters patentes made, and deliuered to the persone, to whō the kyng shall confer the same Archbishopsche, or Bishopsche, or to his sufficient proctor & attorney, shall stand to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, to as muche, and the same effect, as though Conge deslier had been geuen, the election duly made and the same confirmed: and that, vpon that the said persone, to whom, the said Archbishopsche, Bishopsche, or Suffraganship is so conferred, collated, or geuen, maie be consecrated, and sue his liuery or ousterle mayne, and do other thynges, aswell, as if al the said Ceremonies and elections had been doen and made.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that every suche person, to whō, any collacion or gyfte of any Archbishopsche, Bishopsche, or Suffraganship shall be geuen or collated, by the kyng his heires, or successors, shall paie, do, and yeld to all and every person,

all suche fees, interestes, and duties, as of old tyme have been accustomed to be dooen: any thyng in this acte, or in any other, to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

And where as the Archebishops, and Bishops, and other spirituall persones in this realme, do vse to make and send out their Summons, Citacions, and other processe in their alone names, and in suche forme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme, of the vsurped power of the Bishop of Rome, contrary to the forme and ordze of the Summons and processe of the common lawe, vsed in this realme: saying that al auctoritie of iurisdiction spirituall and temporall, is diuined and deducted from the kynges maiestie, as supreme hed of these Churches and realmes of Englands, and Irelaunde, and so iustely acknowledged by the Cleargie of the said realmes: and that all courtes Ecclesiasticall, within the said two realmes, be kept by no other power, or auctoritie, either forein, or within the realme, but by the auctoritie of his moste excellent maiestie: Be it therefore further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all Summons and Citacions, or other processe Ecclesiasticall, in all suites and causes of instaunce, betwixt partie and partie, in all causes of correccion, in al causes of bastardy, or bigamie, or inquirie de iure patronatus, probates of testaments, and commissions of administration, of persones deceased, and all acquitaunces, of, and vpon accomptes, made by the exequutors, administrators, or collectors of goodes, of any ded persone, be, from the firste daie of July next folowynge, made in the name, and with the stile of the kyng, as it is in writtes originall, or iudicial at the common lawe: and that the reste therof, be in the name of the Archebishop, or Bishop, or other, hauing Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, who hath the commission and graunt of the auctoritie Ecclesiasticall immediatly from the kynges highnes, and that his Commissarie, Officiall, or Substitute exercising iurisdiction vnder hym, shall put his name in the Citacion, or processe after the reste.

Furthermore, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al maner of persone or persones, who hath the exercise of Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue, from the firste daie of July before expressed, in their seales of office, the kynges highnes Armes, decently set with certain carettes vnder the Armes, for the knowledge of the Diocese: and shall vse no other seale of iurisdiction, but wherein his maiesties Armes be engrauen, vpon pain, that if any persone shall vse Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction (after the daie before expressed) in this realme of England, Wales, and other his dominions or territories, and not send, or make out the Citacion or processe in the kynges name; or vse any seale of iurisdiction, other then before limited: That every suche offender shall incurre, and runne in the kynges maiesties displeasure, and indignacion, and suffer imprisonment at his highnes will and pleasure.

Provided alwaies, that no more, nor other fees, bee taken, or paid for

for the Seale and writinge of anye citations, or other processe, then was heretofore accustomed.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that y^e Archebischoppe of Canturburpe, for the tyme beyng, shal vse his awne seale, and in his awne name, in all faculties & dispensations, accordyng to the tenor of an Acte thereof made: and that the sayde Archebischoppes and Bischoppes, shall make, admitte order, & resourme, their Chauncellours, Officialles, Commissaries, Aduocates, Proctours, and other their officers, ministers, & substitutes, and commissions to Suffragayn Bischoppes in theyr awne names, vnder their awne seales, in suche manner & fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shall certifye to the court of Wexthes, their certificates vnder their awne names, & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, and according to the statute in that case made and provided: and likewise shall make collations, presentations, giftes, institutions, and inductions of benefices, letters of orders, or dimissories, vnder their awne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: Any thyng in this acte contained, to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided allwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by anye ecclesiasticall person, or persons, for the triall of any plea, or pleas, or matter dependyng, or that hereafter shall depende, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde at the commoⁿ law, and limited by the lawes & customes of this realme, to the spirituall courtes, to trye the same: that the certificat of the same, after the triall thereof, shalbe made in the kynges name, for the tyme beyng, and wth the stile of the same kyng: and vnder the seale of the Bischoppe graued wth the kynges armes, with the name of the Bischoppe, or spirituall officer, beyng to the reske of the same processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

C An acte for the punishinge of vagabondes, and for the relief of the poore and impotent persons.

Cap. iii.



As muche as ydlenes & vagabondye is the mother and roote of all theffes, robberies, and all euill actes, & other mischietes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto, hath allwaies bene here wthin this Realme, verie great, and more in number, (as it may appere) then in other regions, to the greate empouerishement of the Realme, and daunger of the kynges hyghnes Subiectes: The whiche ydlenes and vagabondye, all the kynges hyghnes noble progenitours, kynges of this Realme, and this hyghe Court of Parliament, haue often and wth greate trauaile, gone aboute, and assayed wth godlie actes and Statutes, to reppesse: Yet vntyll this oure tyme, hath not had that successe,

successes, whych hath bene wished, but partelie by foolyshe ppytie, & mercye of them, whych should haue sene the sayde godlie lawes executed, partelie by the peruerse nature and longe accustomed ydlenes of the persones, geuen to loytringe, the sayde godlye Statutes, hitherto hath had final effecte, and ydle & vagabonde persones, beyng vnprofitable members, or rather ennemyes of the comon wealthe, hath bene suffered to remaine and encrease, and yet so do: Whom, yf they shoulde be punished by death, whippinge, imprisonment, or wyth other corporall payne, it were not wythout theyr desertes, for the example of others, and to the benefite of the comon wealthe. Yet yf they could be brought to be made profitable, and do seruice, it were muche to be wished and desired: Be it therfore enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the consente of the Lordes spirituall & tempozall, and the commons in thys present Parliament assembled, & by auctorite of thesame, fyrst that al statutes, & actes of parliament, heretofore made for the punishment of vagabondes and sturdy beggers, and al articles compysed in thesame, shalbe from hencefurthe repealed, voyde and of none effecte.

Secondlye, that whosoever, after the fyrste daye of Aprill nexte folowynge, Man or woman, beyng not lame, impotent or so aged, or diseased wyth sykkenes, that he or she cannot worke, not hauing Lades or Tenementes, fees, Annuities, or anye other yerely reuenues or profittes, whereon they may fynde sufficientlye theyr lyuynge, shall, eyther lyke a leruyng man wantynge a Master, or lyke a begger, or after anye other suche sort, be luyng in any house, or houses, or loytringe, or ydlelye wander by the hygge wayes syde, or in Stretes, in Cyties, Townes, or Villages, not applyng theim selfe to some honeste, and allowed Arte, Science, Seruice, or labor, & so do continue by the space of thre dayes or moze together, & not offer them selves to labor with any that wyl take them, accordynge to theyr facultie: and yf no man other wyle wyl take them, doo not offer them selves to worke for meate & drinke, or after they be so taken to worke for the space agreed betwixte them and theyr Masters, do leaue theyr worke, out of coueniente tyme, or runne away: that then euery such person, shalbe taken for a vagabonde, and that it shalbe lawfull to euery suche Master, offerynge suche ydle person, seruice, and labor, and that beyng by hym refused, or who hath agreed wyth suche ydle person, and from whome, wythin the space agreed of Seruice, the sayde loyterer hath runne away, or departed before the ende of the couenaunte betwene them, & to any other person espyng the same, to byng or cause to be brought the sayde person, so lyuynge ydlelye and loytringe, to two of the nexte iustices of the peace, there resiaunte or abdyng, who hearynge the profe of the ydle lyuynge of the sayde persone, by the sayde space lyuynge ydlelye, as is aforesayde, approued to them by two honest wytnesses, or confession of the partie, shall ymmediately cause the sayd loyterer to be marked, wyth and boate y^o in the breste, the marks

of. v. and adiudge thesaped persone liuyng so solely to suche presentor,
to be his slaue: To haue and to holde thesaped slaue to hym, his Exequ-
tors, or assignes, for the space of twoo yeres then nexte folowynge, and
to orde thesaid slaue, as foloweth: that is to saye, to take suche persone
adiudged a slaue, wyth hym and onely geuyng thesaped slaue, breade
and water, or small drinke, and suche refuse of meate, as he shall thinke
miete, cause thesaped slaue to worke, by beatynge theynge, or otherwyle,
in suche woorkes and laboz, (how vile so cuer it bee) as he shall put hym
vnto. And if any maner of slaue, eyther for loytryng, or for the cause be-
fore rehersed, so adiudged, shall wythin the space of thesaid twoo yeres
here appoynted, runne awaye, departe, or absente hym from hys sayed
Masther by the space of fourtene dayes together, wythout licence: it shal
not onely be lesfull to his sayd Masther, to pursue, and fetch hym againe,
by vertue of this Acte, but also to punishe suche faulte, by cheynes, or
beatynge, as is aforesayed: and agaynst the deteygnor, if any manne doo
willingly deteygne hym, knowynge hym to bee a slaue, as is aforesayed,
to haue an Action of Trespasse, and recouer thereby in dammages, ten
poundes, besides the costes and charges of the sute, for so deteynyng
hys sayd slaue. And further, euery suche Masther, shewynge and prouynge
by twoo sufficient wytnesses, thesaped offence, or faulte of hys runnyng
awaye, before twoo Justices of Peace, of thesame Countie, whereof the
one to be of the Quorum, thesame Justices shall cause suche slaue or
lopyterer, to be marked on the foreheade, or the ball of the cheeke, wyth an
hoate yron, wyth the signe of an S. that he maye be knowen for a loyter-
er and a runne awaye, and shall adiudge the loyterer, and runne awaye
to be thesayd Masthers slaue for euer. And yf suche slaue shall the secunde
tyme runne awaye, or absent hymself, if thesayd Masther shall approue
thesame secunde runnyng awaye, wyth twoo sufficient wytnesses, before
the Justice of Peace, in their generall and quarter Sessions: then euery
suche faulte and runnyng awaye, to bee adiudged felony, and suche
lopyterer and runne awaye, to bee taken as a felon, and thereof beynge
lawfully indicted, and attainted, or other wise condempned, to suffre pay-
nes of death, as other felons ought to do. And also, and here it enacted by auctoritie aforesayed, that no
Clearks conuict, shall hereafter make his purgation, and vpon suche
purgatio be deliuered, and set at large, otherwyle then is in this statute
hereafter expressed. And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayed, that euery cleark
conuict, or hereafter to be conuict, whiche should, by the orde of the
lawe, enioye the benefite of their purgation, shal, and make from hence-
furtho finde any man (if they can) who shalbee bounde, with twoo suffi-
cient sureties, to the ordinach, in the summe of. xx. poundes to the kyn-
ges highnes vse, to reterigne thesaped conuict, as his slaue, and to kepe
thesayd persone so conuict, for the space of one yere then next folowynge,
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that he shall not go abroad, and at large: & then the sayd conuicte shall be deliuered to the sayd person, so takinge the same, and being bounde as is aforesayd, to bee hys slaue, for one whole yere then nexte folowynge, by vertue of thys acte, in all suche maner and sort, and to all suche ententes and purposes, & with all such Order, Lawes, Conditions, and penalties, for runnyng away, or other, as is aforesayd of a vagabonde taken lysteringe and made a slaue, (burnynge in the breste onely excepte): and the ordinarie by the deliuetie of the sayd conuicte, to such person being bounde, as aforesayd, to be of the keeping of the sayd conuicte clerke discharged and exonerated, by vertue of thys acte.

And yf so be, that the sayd clerke so conuicte, cannot fynde any man, to be bounde, as is aforesayd, to whome he maye be adiudged a slaue, in the space of one yere: Then at any tyme, after the ende of one yere, after his couiction, it shall be lawfull for the sayd clerke conuicte, to make hys purgation, as he might before this estatute, any thyng in this presente acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where as clerkes conuicted or attaynted, by the order of the lawes of thys Realme, cannot make theyr purgation, and should perpetually, by the same, remaine in prison: Be it neuertheles enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf there be any maner of person, who wyl at any tyme demaunde the same clerke conuicted or attaynted, & be bound to the ordinarie with two sufficiente sureties, as is aboue written, to kepe the same as his slaue, by the space of fyue yeres then nexte folowynge, that then the same shall be adiudged his slaue, for like space, with all suche orders, lawes, and penalties for runnyng away, and other orders, as is before expressed of a vagabonde, adiudged to any man, for a slaue (the burnynge in the breste onely excepte) and vpon the adiudgement deliuered to suche demaundaunte, the ordinarie from thensfurthe, of the keepinge of suche clerke conuicted or attaynted, clerely exonerated and discharged by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuche as diuers women and men, goeth on beggynge wayfaringe, of the which, some be impotente & lame, and some hable enough to laboꝝ, whiche doo carpe chyldeꝝ aboute with them, some, iiii. or v. yeres of age, or yonger, or elder, which brought vp in ydlenes, myght be so rooted on it, that hardely they may be brought after to good thylte and laboꝝ, or yf any chylde, about the age of fyue yeres, and vnder the age of fourtene yeres, goo ydely wandringe aboute as a vagabonde: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf anye maner of person, wyl take any suche chylde, be it male or female, of, & from anye suche begger, beinge the mother thereof nourticer, or keper, whether they be willinge, or not, or without anye suche nourtice, mother, or keper, by him selfe wanderinge, & bringe the sayd chylde so taken away, before one of the constables of the parische, and two other honest & discrete neyghbours, wynneshes, and before any iustice of peace, there resiaunte and abydyng, and promise

promysse to bypunge the same chylde by in some honest labor, or occupa-
tion, tyll he, or she come to the age of .xx. yeres the woman chylde, or .xiiij.
the man chylde: That then, and immediately the said iustice of peace and
constable, shall adudge, by vertue of this acte, the said chylde vnto the
ages before specified, to be seruauntes or apprenticelle to the said per-
sones, so taking and promysing, to be bled and ordered in all poyntes,
accor dyng as the lawe and custome of this Realme, is of seruantes and
apprentices, to what labor, occupation, or seruice so euer the said Ma-
ster shall appoynte him, or her during the said tyme. And of it shall for-
tune suche chylde so adjudged, to runne a waye at any tyme, once, or moe
tymes, from his, or her master, or maistresse: that then it shalbe lawfull for
euery such master, to take the said chylde agayne, and to kepe & punishe
the said chylde, in cheynes, or otherwise, & be him, or her, as his slaue in
all poyntes, for the tyme beforecheried of the age of such chylde, that is
to saye, tyll twentie the woman chylde, and the man chylde, xxiiij.

¶ Provided alwayes, that any Maister, either of the men, or of the wo-
men, so adjudged slaues, or of the children adjudged apprentices or ser-
uauntes, maye lette, seckure, sell, bequethe, or geue the seruice, or labor
of suche slaues or seruauntes, so adjudged, as is aforesayed, to any per-
son, or persones, to whom so euer he wyll, upon suche condition, and for
suche tyme of yeres, as the said persons be adjudged to him, for slaues,
seruauntes, or apprentices, after suche lyke sort and maner, as he maye
do of any other his moueable gooddes or cattailles: and they for the said
space and tyme, to be bounde to all poyntes and constructions, to the
lesse done, venice, or assigence, as they were to their first apprehenders
and Masters, by vertue of this statute.

¶ Provided alwayes, and he it enacted by authoritie aforesayed, that if
any such slaue, or slaues, or chylde, so adjudged, shall at any tyme after
such adjudgement, mayne, or wounde their masters or maistresses, inter-
fysing their corrections, or otherwise: or where they be Manumitted,
and set agayne free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall conspire with any
other, or by themselves go about to murder a kyll, or to maim, wounde,
or beate the said Master or Maistresse, or any that was then Master or
Maistresse, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente
come to an acte, tending to the effecte: that then euery such maim, or
wounde, or the goyng about to murder, kyll, maim, wounde, or beate
suche person or persons, as he, or were their Master or Maistresses, or
to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente doo come to
any acte, tending to the same effecte, as lying in wait with a weapon, or
any such like, shalbe accounted felony: & they shall suffer therfore py-
nes of death, as in case of felons: except that any such person dyer-
ous, as he, or had bene Master or Maistresse to anye of them, or he refus-
ing, any other wyll take such person so offending to their slaues: & then
he, or she so offending, to be adjudged to þe person so willing to take him
or her,

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or her, so offendynge, slave for ever, and thereupon to be discharged of the felonie. The same lawe & order to be had in all conditions, yf it shoulde chaunce the father, mother, nourice, or other p^rearer about of the childe, or any other person, or persons, to steale away such childe adjudged apprentice or servaunte, that is, to be slave to such apprentices or servauntes master, whose apprentice or servaunte was so stolen or entised away, for ever: & the master nevertheles to take and recyue hys sayde apprentice or servaunt agayn, as yf the sayde takynge away had never be done.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that although ther be no man, which shal demaunde such loyterer, or loyterers, as before expressed, into their service: Yet nevertheles the iustice of peace in that Citie, Borough, Towne, or Hundred dwelling, if any such be, or els any other iustice of peace of the same tyme, & also there dwelling, by his, or their office, shalbe hereafter bound, by vertue of this acte, not onely to enquire of all such ydle persons, but also, yf they do espie any such vagabondes, or ydle person, or yf any such be detected vnto them, to examine him, or her, of the tyme of their vagaboundrye: & yf it shall appere to any iustice of peace, any such man, or woman to have been a vagabound & vagabound, or ydle person, by the space, as is aforesayd, to cause the same to be marked on the breast with an. V. made with an hoate yron, and also to learne and enquire of him, the Towne, Citie, or Village, wherein he was borne, and then shal immediatly geve a wytyng in parchement sealed with his seale, to the sayd loyterer, of the tenor and forme, which here ensueth.

A. B. iustice of peace in the countie of. S. to the shalour, or chiefe officer of the Citie of. Q. yf it be a Citie: or to the head Borough Bailie, or Constable, or head officer of p^r Towne of. Q. yf it be a Towne: or to the Constable or Tithingman of the Village of. C. if it be a Village, gretyng.

Accordyng to a moste goodly statute, made in the fyfth yere of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lorde kynge Edward the sixte, ac. we have taken this bearer, I. K. vagabound, & to the evell example of others, without master, service, or labor, whereby to gette hys liuyng, goyng loyterynge ydely about. And because the same saith, he was borne in. C. in the countie of. S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable: we have sent him to you to be ordred accordyng to the purpote and effecte of the same statute. And with this wytyng, shal deliuer the same loyterer to the constables, or other heade officer of the sayde Citie, Towne, or Village, wherein such loyterer was taken, to be safely coueighed by them, to the next constable, & so from constables to constables, & other heade officers, tyl he or she be brought to the place, the which, he, or she hath named themselves to be borne in, & then to be deliuered to the head officer or constable of that same Citie, Borough, or Towne, Village, Hamlette, or Parrish, ther to be nourished and kepte of the same Citie, Towne, or Village, in charynes, or otherwyle, either at the common workes in amending high wales, or other comon worke, or fro man to man in order tyl they which may beare, be equally

be equally charged, to bee slaue to the corporacion of the citie, or to the inhabitauntes of the toun, or village; that he, or she, wer bozne in, after al suche forme, condicion, space of yeres, orders, punishmentes for runnyng awaie, and all others, as are expessed of a common, or priuate persone, to whom any suche lysteret is adiudged a slaue. And thesaid citie toun, or village, shall see thesaid slaue beyng hable to labor, sette on woork, and not liue idely within thesaid precinctes, vpon pain, that for euery suche defaulte, that thesaid slaue dooth liue idely, by the defaulte of the citie, borough, or toun, or village, by the space of thre woorkyng daies together, the citie to forfeit. v. l. a borough, or toun incorporate. xl. s. and other toun or village. xx. s. wherof the one haulf to the kyng our souereigne Lorde, the other to hym that will sue for the same, in any of the Kynges Courtes of Recorde, by bill, informacion, or accion of debte, in the whiche suites; no esoyne, wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed.

Provided, and be it enacted, that the citie, toun, and borough incorporate, by the consent of the more part of the corporacion; and the toun and village not incorporate, by the consent of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, maie set, sell, or geue awaie, the right, title and interest of thesaid slaue, to any other persone, as any other common or priuate persone maie do, with his slaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that if it fortune, when thesaid vagabond is brought to thesaid citie, toun, or village, where thesaid persone saied, he was bozne, to appere and bee manifest, that he or she was not there bozne: that then for suche lye, thesaid vagabond shalbe marked in the face with an. s. and be slaue to the inhabitauntes, or corporacion of the citie, toun, or village, where thesaid vagabond saied he was bozne in, for euer, by soe suche condicions, & orders, in al pointes, as of a slaue marked in the face, is before expessed. The same lawe, & orde in all poyntes to be had of all vagabond persons, & vagabondes, beyng bozne in any other naciõ or countrey, then this realme, as is before expessed, of Englishe idle persons, (markyng in the breast or face only excepted) that is, to be had to the next port, and ther to be kept of the inhabitauntes of thesaid next port, in couenient labor, and fro idleness, or otherwise, till thei maie be conueighed ouer: & then at the costes of the inhabitauntes of thesaid port, to be conueighed ouer into their countreis.

And for asmuche as there is many maymed & otherwise lamed, soze, aged and impotent persones, whiche resozteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, townes, and villages, on beggynge: whose comyng together, and makyng a nūbe, doth fill the stretes or high waies, of diuerse cities, townes, markettes, and fairs, who, if thei wer seperated, mought easely be nourished in the townes and places, wherin thei wer bozne, or where thei were, or haue been moste conuersaunte and abidyng by the space of thre yeres: be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid,

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that all and singular Maiours, Shierifes, Bayliues, Constables, or other hedde officers of any citie, toune, or hundreth, to whiche, suche resort is, or shalbe, shall before the Purificacion of our Lady next folowynge, se all suche idle, impotent, maymed, and aged persones, who otherwise cannot by their discrecions bee taken for vagabondes, whiche were bozne within thesaied citie, toune, or hundred, or hath been there moste conuersaunt and abidyng by the space of thre yeres, as is aforesaid, and now decayed, bestowed and prouided for, of tenauntries, Cottages, or other conuenient houses, to be lodged in, at the costes & charges of thesaied cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be releued and cured, by the deuocion of the good people, of thesaied citie, borough, toune, or village: and that they do not suffice, after the time before reherfed, any other, then suche, as either were bozne, or hath been for the moste part conuersaunt, or abidyng, by the space aforesaid, in thesaied citie, borough, village, or toune, to remain and begge abroad within the precinctes of suche cities, townes, villages, or hundrethes: vpon pain, that euery suche Maiour, Shierif, and Baliffe, Constable, or other hedde officer, by what name soeuer he bee called, sufferynge any persones to begge within the precinct of his, or their suche iurisdiction, other then is before reherfed, for euery thre daies, shall forfeite, .x. s. to whom soeuer will sue therfore, by bill, informacion, or accion of debt, in any Courte of Record, in the whiche suites, none esoyne, wager of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

And for the better perfozmaunce hereof: be it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the Maiour of the citie of London, & all other Maiours, Baliffes, Shierifes, Constables, and other hed officers of euery citie, toune, or borough, doo, with all conuenient speede by themselves, or their sufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feast of the Purificacion next commynge, and so from time to tyme, euery moneth once, make a view and examinacion of aged, impotent and lame persons, beggers, as bee within the precinct of their iurisdiction, and see all suche, as were not bozne, nor hath been for the moste parte conuersaunt and abidyng there, by the space of thre yeres complete, conueighed on horsebacke, Carte, or Chariotte, or otherwise, as shall seme by their discrecions, to the next Constables, and thei to conueigh thesame to the next Constables, and so from Constables to Constables, till thesaied persons be brought to the place, where they wer bozne, or moste conuersaunt and abidyng, as is aforesaid: there to be prouided for, kept and nourished of almshouse, as is aforesaid: vpon the pain, that euery suche Maiour, Shierif, or Constable, hed Borough, or hed officer not makynge view, nor sendynge, or conueighing awaie, not receiuyng, or not prouidynge, as is before appoynted, accordynge to the true purport or meanyng of this acte, to forfeit for euery suche defaulte, .xl. s. Wherof the one halfe to the kinges vse, the other, to the partie that wil sue therfore in any of the kinges

kynges Courtes of Recorde, by byll, informacion, action of debte, in the which suites, none esoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, that yf any of thesayed aged, maymed or impotent persones, of the Citie, Townes, or Villages, where they were bozne in, or had their moste abydyng, as aforesayed, bee not so lame or impotent, but that they maye worke in some maner of worke: that then such Citie, Towne, Parryshe, or Village, do epyther in common provide some suche worke for them, as they maye be occupped in, or appoynt them to suche as wyl fynde therein worke, for meate and drynke. And yf they refuse of wilfulnesse and stubburnesse to worke, or do runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punyssh thesame accordyng to their discretions, with cheyning, beating, or other wyse, as shall seme to them convenient. And for the more furtheraunce of the relief of suche, whiche are in vnfayned misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by authoritie aforesayed, that every Sundaye and holy daye, after the readinge of the Gospell of the day, the Curate of every Parryshe, do make accordyng to suche talent as God hath geuen him a Godly and bryef exhortation to this Parryshioners: mounyng and exortyng them, to remembre the poore people, & the duetye of Christian charitie, in releuyng of them, whiche be their brethren in Christe, dozne in thesame Parryshe, and neddyng their healpe.

Provided alwayes, that yf it shall chaunce, anye suche adludged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before reherced, to haue inheritauce descended vnto hym, or her, or any other wayes, be, by the lawes of this realme, warde, or bonde manne, or neif of bloode, by, or from anye of his Ancestors, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to anye suche persone or persones, to whom anye suche warde, bonde man, or neif shall apperteigne, to sease and take suche wardes, bonde manne, or neifes, and them to reteigne and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And thesayed wardes, bonde men and neifes shalbe discharged of thesayed slaue, or other seruitude or bondage aboue reherced: This estatute, or any thyng therein conteigned, to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstanding.

And also be it enacted, that yf anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, which shall haue at any tyme hereafter any aduancement or lyuyng, accrue, come, or growe vnto hym, or any of them, whereby he, or they maye haue a convenient lyuyng, that then, and from thensfurthe, he, or they so beyng aduanced, to be discharged of their slaue, or seruitude, and bondage: this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstanding: Any woman beyng a seruaunt, apprentice or slaue, as is aforesayed, beyng maryed within the age of. xx. yeres, without the assent of her Master, vntyll she shal accomplishe and come to thesayed age of. xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Be it also enacted, that all leprouse and poore beddered creatures,

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whatsoever they be, maye at their awne libertie, remaine and continue in suche houses, appoynted for leprouse, or beddyed people, as they now be in, & shall not be compelled to repaire into any other countreys or places, by the vertue of this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that also it shall be lawfull vnto thesaied leprouse and beddyed people, for their better reliefes, to appoynte their Doctoz or Doctozs, so there be not appoynted aboue the numbze of two persones, for any one house of leprouse & beddyed people, to gather the charitable alimose of all suche inhabitants, as shall be within the compasse of.iiii. miles of any of thesaied houses of leprouse, and beddyed persones.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie abovesayd, that it shall be lawfull to euery persone, to whom anye persone in forme abovesayd shall be adiudged a slaue, to put a ryng of yron aboute hys necke, arme, or hys legge, for a more knowledge and suertie of the keepyng of hym. And that yf any persone or persones, do take or healte to take any suche bonde of yron from any suche slaue, that then euery persone so doynge without the licence or assent of his Maister, shall forfeite for euery suche default, ten poundes sterlyng.

Be it further enacted, that this present acte, shall, before the first daye of Marche next commynge, be openly proclaimed in euery cytie Corporate, Towne, and market Coune, vpon the market daye: and also from thensforth shall ycely be redde in euery shire openly in twoo generall quarter sessions of the peace, that is to saye, at the generall quarter sessions after Whosomer, and the generall quarter sessions next after Christmas, to the intent, that euery persone maye haue knowledge thereof, and that this acte shall indure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shall be lawfull to the lord Chancellor of Englands, or the lord keeper of the greates Seale for the tyme being, at their discretions, to graunt Commission vnder the great Seale of Englands, to euery, or anye persone or persones, that hath, or shall haue his, or their houses or barnes burnt, or such losses, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their ayde and healpe, of his or their losses, decaye, or hinderaunce, as in tyme past hath been vsed: any thyng conteyned in this acte notwithstanding.

In acte for Tenures holden in Capite.

The.iii. Chapter.



Here before this tyme, ambiguities, questions, and doubttes haue been moued and styrted in diuerse and sundery the Kynges Courtes of Record, whether such Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes and other hereditamentes are holden of the kyng in Capite; whiche anye hys loyng subiectes do holde by anyghtes seruice, Socage, or other seruices of the kyng, as of hys Duchies, Citedomes,

Erldomes, Baronies, Honors, Castles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, fees, and Seignories, whiche haue come to the handes and possession of diuers of his highnesse mooste noble progenitors, by Attainder of treason, misprision of treason, Attainders of premunire, and prouision had and doen by acte of Parliament, by verdict, confession, conviction, or bylagary, and offences or no offences thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrendre, or geuyng by to the kyng, or to anye hys noble progenitors, of anye Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, to any of the same Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse apperteynyng or belongyng, or no: By meanes of whiche doubt so moued, his sayed humble and obedient subiectes and tenants haue been heretofore muche vniquieted, molested and greued: wherefore the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, myndyng and entierly desirynge the quietnes of his sayed subiectes, and that the certayntie of his lawes in that behalfe might be knowne and declared to his sayed louyng subiectes, for a playn declaration and resolution to be had, of, for, and concerninge the premysse, at the humble petition and suite of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth ordeyn, declare and enacte by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that all suche Honours, Castles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, wherof anye of them, which now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of his sayed subiectes, by knyghtes seruice, Socage or other wyse, as of any of his or their Erldomes, Castles, Baronies, Castles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, fees, or Seignories, which be come to the kyng, or his most noble progenitors, or hereafter shal come to the kyng, his heires or successors, by meanes of any suche Attainder, Conviction, Bylagary, or of anye suche dissolution, surrendre or geuyng of any Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to any of the sayed Religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse belongyng or apperteynyng, shal not from hencefurthe be adiudged, demed, taken or construed, to anye fittall construction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or at Tenure in Capite: anye ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstanding. And it is provided allwayes, and bee it enacted by the authority aforesayed, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned shal not in any wyse be prejudiciall nor hurtfull to the kyng, his heires or successors, to, for, or concerninge anye land, tithes, psonal, or real, tyme for alienation, or to, or for any other profit or advantage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shal, or maye come, fall or growe to the kyng, hys heires, or successors, by, or from any person, or persons, whiche now doeth, or hereafter

shall holde any Honors, Seignories, Castles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of the Kyng in Chief, as of hys person, or of any other his auncient possessions, and beyng not come to the Kyng by any such attaynder, confession, conuiction, vylagary, dissolution, geuyng vp, or surrender, as be abovesayd.

Wherby also; and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteigned or specified, shall not in any wise, or by any means, geue anye aduantage, libertie, or profyte to anye Tenant or owner in fee simple, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, which haue heretofore sued any speciall or generall liuerie, or ouster leuaine, out of the handes of the Kyng, or of anye his noble Progenitors, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by any matet of recorde, any tenor in Chief of the Kyng, but that they, their heires and assignes, shall haue and holde thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in lyke maner and fourme, as they dyd before the makynge of this present acte, and as though this present acte had neuer been had, ne made: anye thyng aboue declared and enacted to the contrary notwithstanding.

And wherby also; and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no Hoilles shalbe conueighed out of this realme, and other the Kynges Dominions, without licence, The. b. Chapter.



Where before this tyme, diuerse of the Kynges Subiectes, & namely of the North partes of this realme, aswell in tyme of peace as of warre, haue coueighed, sold, geild & deliuered out of this realme, aswell into Scotland as into other foreyne realmes beyonde the sea, many & diuerse great multitude of Hoilles, Geldynges and Mares, which haue been thought, aswell great occasion, strength, and holdnesse to the Scottisshmen, & other the kynges foreyne enemyes, hauing in possession thesame Hoilles, Geldynges, & Mares, in tyme of warre to invade this realme, as also a great decay of the good breede of Hoilles and Mares, which before this tyme hath been within this realme, to the greate detriment & hinderance of the Kynges pooze subiectes, towarde the defence of this realme and other his dominions: for remedie wherof, be it therefore enacted by our Soueraigne Lord the Kyng, & by the comons in this present Parliamēt assembled; & by the auctoritie of thesame, that if any persone, or persones, after the firste daye of January nextcommynge, do sell, exchange, geue, conueigh, or deliuer, into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of anye Scottisshman; or do carry, geue, exchange, sell, sende, conueigh, or deliuer into anye place beyonde the sea, out of his realme,

or the

or the dominions of the same, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, without special licence, therfore to be obtained, of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale of this realme, or vnder the priuie signate: or if any persone, or persones, after the said first date of January, do sell, exchange, geue, or deliuer to any Scottisshman within this realme of Englad or Wales, the towne of Berwicke, or the Marches of the same to the intent to bee conueighed into Scotlande, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, or do conueigh or cary, any Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, into any forein parties beyonde the sea, without like special licence obtained of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale, or priuie signate, as is aforesaid: that then the same person and persones, so offending, contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfeit to our said soueraigne Lorde, and his heires, the same Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, so caried and conueighed, and shall also lose and forfeite the summe of .xl. l. for every such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, so to be conueighed and caried in forme aforesaid: wherof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that will sue for the same, by informacion, accion of debte, or detinue, in any of the kynges Courtes of Record, in whiche suite, no waget of lawe, esoyne, ne protection shalbe allowed: And that also all, and every persone and persones so offending, contrary to this acte, shall suffice imprisonment by the space of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull, aswell to the wardein and wardens of the East, West, and middle Marches, for the tyme being, in their warden Courtes, as also, to all & every the kynges Iustices of peace, in every shire, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, in their quarter sessions, to inquire of all & every offence or offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, committed or doen, contrary to this acte: and that it shalbe lefull to all and every person & persons, being the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison every Scottisshman, and al and every other person & persons, whiche shal leade, or conuey, contrary to the meanyng of this acte, any such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, out of this realme into the said realme of Scotland, or into any other forein place beyond the sea, other then suche persons, as hereafter shal haue sufficient warraunt, by, or from the kynges highnes or his heires, vnder his, or their great seale, or priuie signate, accordyng to the meanyng of this acte.

Provided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that if the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, his heires or successors, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his greute seale, or priuie signate, do geue licence, to any person or persones, to cary or conueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotlande, or into any parties beyond the sea, or els doo geue auctoritie, power, or commaundement, to any persone or persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great seale, to licence any other person or persones, to cary, or conueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shalbe lefull, aswell

also well to al & singuler person & persons, haupng suche licence vnder þ
kynges great seale, oz priuie signate, as to all & euery other person, and
persos, haupng licēce in writyng vnder the seale of suche person, oz per-
sons, to who, the kyng shal geue aucthoritie, power, oz cōmaūdemēt in
foyme abouesaid, to licence other person, oz persons, to cary, oz cōueigh
any Hozles, Mares, oz Geldynges, into Scotland, oz into any parties
beyond the sea, to cary & cōuey suche numbze of Hozles, Geldynges, &
Mares, oz any of the into Scotland, oz into any of the parties beyond
the sea, as shalbe mētioned in any such licēce, as is befoze specified, any
thing mencioned in this acte to the cōtrary in anywise notwithstanding.
Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid,
that this acte, ne any thyng therein contēined, shal in anywise extend,
to any persone, oz persones, whiche at any tyme hereafter, shal cary, oz
conueigh any Hozle, Mare, oz Geldyng, into Scotlande, oz into any
other foreyne parties beyonde the sea, to serue the kyng in his warres,
with thesame Hozles, Mares, oz Geldynges, any thyng mencioned in
this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And to thintent the kynges maiestie shal not hereafter be deceiued,
in the numbze of suche Hozles, Mares, oz Geldynges, whiche hereafter
shalbe caried and conueyed into Scotland, ne, that the parties, whiche
hereafter shal obtēin any licence by force of this acte, for the carlage oz
conueyauce, of any Hozles, Mares, oz Geldynges, to be caried oz cō-
ueyed into Scotlād: be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid
that all and euery suche persone and persones, whiche hereafter shalbe
licenced, accordyng to this acte, to cary oz conuey, any Hozles, Mares,
oz Geldynges, into Scotland, shal, befoze thesame cariage, oz conuei-
aunce, vpon the pein of forfaiture of thesaid Hozle, Mare, oz Geldyng,
oz the double value therof: wherof the one moytie to be to the king, and
the other moytie to hym, oz them, that will sue for thesame by suche like
arccion, as befoze is limited in this acte, shew his, oz their said licence, to
one of the thze wardens of the thze Marches of England, to the intent
that one of thesaid wardens shal cause the numbze of thesaid Hozles,
Mares, oz Geldynges, so licenced to be conueyed into Scotlande, not
onely to bee kalendard in a boke, to remān in his ayme custodie, but
also to be thzowed, and written on the backe side of thesaid licence, and
thesame endozement to be signed with the hande of thesaid warden.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to euery of the kynges subie-
ctes, that shal passe ouer beyond the sea, to shippe and cary with them,
Hozles, oz Geldynges, for their onely occupacion in their iournets, and
not to the intent to sell thesame beyonde the sea: and that intent to bee
iudged, by the othe of hym, oz them, that so will cary ouer any Hozle, oz
Geldyng, whiche othe shalbe taken befoze the Customs, oz their de-
puties, oz searcher of euery suche porte, where thesame Hozle, oz Gel-
dyng, shalbe shipped befoze the shippynge thereof.

Prouided

Provided alwaies, that the Wardē of the fyue portes, now beynge, or hereafter to be, maye yerely at his pleasure, geue sixe horssees or Geldinges, & no moze, within one yere, at one, or diuerse tymes, vpon lyke payne, as is aforesayde, to any person or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, beyngs in amittie with the kynges highnes, or his succelloz: this acte or any thyng therein, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein mentioned, be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to the Maister of the kynges horssees now, & hereafter to be, for suche thinges & comodities, as shall, & do concerne his office: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that it shalbe lesfull to anye the kynges subiectes, to carie, or sende into any partes beyonde the sea, any Wares, whereof the pryce of any one Ware, so to be caried, doth not excede. x. s. in suche and lyke maner, as Wares, beyngs of the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. haue been, or myght haue been conueyghed ouer the seas, before the makynge of this acte: anye thyng in thys acte, or in anye other acte or actes, heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

20 An acte for the continuauyce of makynge
of woollsed yarne in Norfolk.

The. vi. Chapter.



Here the greatest and almost the whole numbze of the poore inhabitauntes of the countie of Norfolk, and the cytie of Norwich, be, and haue bene heretofore for a great tyme maynteyned, and gotten their liuyng by spinningg of the wolles, growyng in the sayed countie of Norfolk, vpon the roche into yarne, and by all thesayed tyme haue vsed to haue their accesse to comon markettes within thesayed countie and citie, to bye their wolles there to be spunne as is aforesayde, of certayn persones, called Retailers of thesame wolles, by eight penyworth, and twelue penyworth at one tyme or therabout, and haue not vsed to bye, ne can bye their sayde wolles of the breeders of thesame wolles by suche small percelles, aswell, for that thesayed breeders of thesayed wolles wyl not sell their sayed wolles by suche small percelles, as also for that the moost parte of thesayed poore persones, dwell farre of from thesayed breeders of thesayed wolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of parliament made in the. xxxvii. yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memory Henry the. viii. all persones be restrayned vpon a greate payne, to bye any wolles to sell thesame agayne, excepte merchauntes of the Staple, for the onclie prouisyon of the Staple, as in thesayed acte among other thynges, moze at large it is conteyned: therefore thesayed Retailers of wolles in thesayed Countie of Norfolk and Citie of Norwich, which heretofore haue vsed to bye wolles, and so sell them agayne to the

to the sayed poore persones in ouert markettes, as is aforesayd, haue sente the makynge of thesayde estatute in escheuynge the daungier and peyne provided by thesame, ceased and lette to bye thesayde wolles, for the reliefe of thesayed poore persones: By reason wherof, thesame poore persons inhabityng within thesayde countie of Norfolk & Citie of Norwich, that hath heretofore bene spynners, and maynteyned by spynnyng of thesayd wolles, be now vncoccupied & vnset a worke, and a great numb- bre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decaye and cupne of the poore people of thesayde countie and Citie, and the inhabi- tautes therof, onlesse some reamedy be therein provided: In consideration wherof, it maye please the kynges moost royall maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present par- liament assembled, and by auctorite of thesame, that all & euery person and persons dwellyng and inhabityng within thesayed countie of Norfolk and Citie of Norwich, or in either of them, by his, or themselves, or by his, or their factours, seruaut, or seruantes, may lawfully from henc- furth, without peyne, forfaiture, daungier, or breache of any law or ordi- naunce, to bye and bargayn wolles, and take and make prouision to bye or bargayne wolles, growynge, or that shall growe onely within thesayd countie of Norfolk, in as large and lyke maner and fourme, as thesame inhabitautes within thesayed countie & Citie, might, and did vse to do, befoze the makynge of thesayed acte of Parliament, and as thesayed acte of parliament had neuer bene had or made, so that thesame persone and persones so byyng or bargaynyng, or takynge promes to bye or bargayn thesayd wolles, do sell or Retayle thesame agayne in the comon market, or other open place within thesayed countie of Norfolk or Citie of Nor- wiche, to any persone or persones at their pleasure and libertie that will bye thesame, or any percell therof, dwellyng & inhabityng within thesay- ed countie & Citie of Norwich, or any of them, that hat or will spynne thesame within thesayed countie of Norfolk, and Citie of Norwich, or any of them: thesayed former acte, or any article, clause or sentence therein conteyned, or any other acte or actes, lawe or ordinaunce, heretofore made, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And wherg in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne of oure sayed late Souereigne Lorde the Kyng, yt was amongest other thynges, enacted thus as ensueth, or lyke in effecte, that is to saye, that no persone or persones from hencfurthe, shoulde bye, ne cause to be boughte within the sayed Cytie of Norwich, or Countie of Norfolk, any yarne spunne of the rocke, called woolsted yarne, the whi- che shoulde then after that be spunne within thesayed Countie or Cytie, but such person or persones beyng weuers of woolsted, Russelles, Sta- mpyne, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes, within thesayed Cytie or Countie that shoulde weue or worke, or cause to be wouen or wrought in woolsted, Stampne, Russelles, Sayes, or suche other lyke clothes, thesayed

thesayd yarne so bought or caused to be bought wythin thesayde Cytie or Countey, in the Cytie of Nozwyche, or in some market towne wythin thesayde Countey: vpon the peyne and forfaiture, for euery pound weyght of thesayd yarne called wolsted yarne, so bought wythi thesayd Countey or Cytie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesayde, wythin thesayd Cytie or Countey, forty shyllinges, & one haulte therof to be to the Kyng our souereyn Lord, & the other haulte therof to be to hym, or theym, that shoulde then after that, sue for thesame, by byll, Informacion, Actiō of debt, or otherwyle, in any courte of recorde, in whiche sayd action, byll, or informatiō, no essoyne, wayer of lawe, forayn plea, or protection shoulde be allowed. And wher it is also ordeyned in thesayd acte, that if anye person or persones, dyd, after the fyrste daye of Apryll then next after thesayd acte ensuyng, shyp, or cary, or coueyghe, or cause to be shipped, to carye or coueyghe into the parties beyonde the sea, or dyd carye or coueygh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called wolsted yarne, not made or wrought in cloth, so that suche yarne wer spunne wythin thys realme, that then euery person and persones so shyping, conueighing & caryng, or causyng suche yarne so to be shipped, caryed & coueyghed, shoulde forfait for euery pound of wolsted yarne so shipped, coueyed or caryed. xl. s. the one haulte therof to be to our sayd souereyn Lord the Kyng, and the other haulte therof to hym, or theym, that shoulde sue for thesame, by byll, Informacion, or action of debt in any of the Kynges courttes of recorde, as in thesayd acte, thesame or the lyke in effect, moze playnly dothe and may appere. And forasmuche as thesayd acte was made and ordeyned to continue and endure vntyll the parliament then after that next ensuyng, and hathe verie sythens by other generall actes contynued vntyll thys present parliament, and was not by any of thesayd actes ordeyned to cōtinue for euer: It maye now please the Kynges moost excellent Maiestye, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the cōmons in thys present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that all the afoze recited acte for yarne, with al þ woordes, forfaitures, peynes & sentēces before recyted, as thesame be, before recyted & declared, maye, from hensfurth be enacted to contynue and to be taken for an act to contynue for euer, to all intents and purposes, accordyng to thesayde woordes, sentēces and the purport therof, before in thys acte recyted.

Provided allwaye, that it shalbe lefull to euery person and persones, beyng a hat maker or hat makers, dwellyng wythin thesayde Cytie of Nozwyche, to bye suche of thesayd wolsted yarne, as is called & known by the name of myddell vffe yarne, as they and euery of theim haue heretofore done and vsed to do, so that thesame myddell vffe yarne, so bought by thesayd hat makers or hat maker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hat makynge, wythin thesayd Cytie: any thyng before recyted, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

C. f.

C. An

CAn acte for the contynuaunce of actions after the
Deathe of any Kyng.



Here þe Kinges subiectes heretofore haue, to their great
costes, charges, and expēses prosecuted and sued dy-
uerse and sundrye actions, aswell reall and personal,
as all other actions, myxt, or othertwyle, in the Kynges
Majesties courtes and other courtes of recorde,
not only by writtes, but also by pleynt, or billes, whi-
che actions, lutes, bylles and pleyntes, by the deathe,
or demyle of the Kynges of thys Realme, haue bene dyscontynued, & the
parties in euery suche actions, lutes, bylles, and pleyntes, therby haue
bene put wythoute daye, wherby the demaundauntes, pleyntiffes, and
actozs in euery suche action and lute were compelled and dzyuen by the
ordre of the lawes of thys realme, for their further reamedy, to commēce
and begynne agayn, bys, or their sayde Actions, Sutes, or pleyntes, or
els to prosecute, and sue Resommons, Attachementes, Scire facias, or su-
che other lyke processe, to recyue his or theyr sayd actions, lutes or ple-
yntes, whyche was not only to theyr great costes, charges, expēses, hy-
nderaunces and delaye of their causes and lutes, but also a great let and
hynderaunce of iustice: for reformation wherof, be it ordeyned, establis-
shed and enacted by the Kyng our souereygn Lord, and the Lordes and
Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthorite
of the same, that from hensfurth by the deathe or demyle of the Kynges
Majestie, that now is (whose lyfe allmyghty God long preserve, kepe, &
maynteyn in his moost royall estate) nor by the deathe or demyle of any
that hereafter shalbe Kyng of this realme, any action, lute, byl, or pleynt
now, or that hereafter shal depend betwene partie and partie in any of
the courtes aforesayd, shal not in any wise be dyscōtynued or put wout
daye: But that the processe, pleyes, demurres and contynuaunces in e-
uery action, actions, lutes, bylles, or pleyntes, whych now, or that here-
after shal depend, shal stand good and effectual, and be prosecuted and
sued furth in suche maner and forme, and in the same estate, condition
and ordre, as if the same Kyng had lyued or contynued in full lyfe, the
deathe or demyle hereafter of any Kyng of this realme notwithstanding.
And that all and all maner of iudicial processe that hereafter shalbe had
or pursued in the tyme of the reygne of any other Kyng then reygned at
the tyme of the pursupte of the original, or other former processe, shalbe
made in the name of the Kyng, that for the tyme shal reygne and be Kyng
of this realme, and that variaunce touchyng the same processe betwene
the names of the Kynges, shal not be in any wyse materiall, as concer-
nyng any default to be alleged or objected therfore.

And also be it further established & enacted by þe aucthoritie aforesaid
þat & euery Assise of nouel disseysyn, assise of mortdauncester, *luris virum*
and

and atteynt, whyche at any tyme hereafter shalbe arraigned, comenced
or sued before any of the kynges iustices of assise, shall not from hence-
forth be dyscontinued or put wythout day, by reason of death, newe com-
mission, association, or not comyng of thesame iustices of assise, or any of
theim, but shal stand good & effectual in the lawe, to al intentes, construc-
tions & purposes, the death, newe commission, association, or not comyng
of thesame iustices, or any of theim in any wyse not wstanding. ¶ And
ouer þe, be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, þe albeit any
demaundaunt or pleyntife in any maner of actiō, byll or sute, shal fortune
to be made or created, duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount,
Barō, Bisshop, knyght, iustice of þe one bench, or of þe other, or sergeant
at lawe, dependyng thesame action, byll or sute, yet þe not wstanding, þe
no wyte, action or sute, shal for suche cause, in any wyse be abatable or
abated, but shal remayn in lyke force, goodnes & strength, as thesame
was before, any lawe or vsage to the contrary in any wyse not wstanding.

And also be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, þe albeit
any persō or persones, beyng iustice of assise, iustice of Gaole delyuery,
or iustice of peace wythin any of þe kynges dominions, or beyng in any
other of the kynges commissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made
or created Duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bis-
shop, knyght, iustice of the one benche or of the other, or Sergeant at
lawe, or Shiref, yet þe notwithstanding, he & they shal remayn iustice &
Comissioner, & haue full power & auctorite to execute thesame, in lyke
maner & forme, as he or they might or ought to haue done before þe same.

And be it ordeined & enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in al ca-
ses, wher any persō or persones heretofore haue bene, or hereafter shalbe
found gyltie of any maner of Treason, Murder, Manslaughter, rape, or
other felony whatsoeuer, for the whyche, iudgement of death shoulde or
may ensue, and shalbe repyed to pryson wythout iudgement at that ty-
me geuen agaynst hym, her, or theim, so found gyltie, that those persones
that at any tyme hereafter shal by the kynges lettres patentes be assig-
ned iustices to deliuer the Gaole, wher any suche prson or persones found
gyltie shal remayn, shal haue full power & auctorite to geue iudgement
of death agaynst suche person so found gyltie & repyed as thesame iu-
stices (before whom suche person or persones was, or were found gyltie)
myght haue done, if they? Comission of Gaole delyuery had remayned
& continued in full force and strength. And ouer that, that no maner of
processe or sute, made, sued or had before any Iustices of Assise, Gaole
delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Justice of peace, or other of the kynges
Comissioners, shal, ne in any wyse be dyscontinued by þe making & pub-
lishyng of any newe commission or associatiō, or by alteryng of the names
of the Iustices of Assise, Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Iustices
of peace, or other the kynges comissioners, but that the newe Iustices of
Assise, Gaole delyuery, and of the peace, & other comissioners, may pro-

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cede in euery behaulfe, as if the olde Commissions, & Iustices and com-
missioners had byll remainned and contynued, not altered.

¶ An act for confirmation of letters patentes.

¶ Cap. viii.



Here the kynges moost excellent hyghnes, sythe the eyght
and twenty day of January, in the fyrst yere of his Maie-
sties reygne, aswell vpon dyuerse and sundry good cōsyde-
ratiōs his Maiestye specially mouyng, as also otherwysse,
hathe bargayned, sold, exchaunged, geuen, restored and
graunted by his graces seuerall lettres patentes, Indentures or other
wrytynges, sealed vnder his highnes great seale of England, the seale
of his duchy of Lancastre, and the seale of the court of augmentatiō and
the reuenues of his crowne, or any of theym, aswel to bodys politique
and corporate, as to dyuerse and sundry of his louyng & obedyent sub-
iectes, dyuerse and sundry Honours, Castellles, Mannours, Landes, Te-
nementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruyces, Personages appropriated,
Aduoufons, Tythes, Oblacions, Pensions, Portions, Fraunchyses,
Priuileges, Libertyes and other hereditamētes, comodities & profitēs
in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lifes, or for terme of yeres, as
in thesame seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wrytynges
is mencioned and declared: In auoydyng, disturbyng, hurtynge or hy-
nderynge of thesayd seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wry-
tynges, and of thesayd Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamē-
tes and other thynges therein conteyned, sundry & many ambiguities,
doubtes and questiōs, haue, or myght hereafter happē to be moued, ob-
iected, alleged, inuented, procured or styred, aswell for misnaryng, mys-
recital or none recital of any of thesame Honours, Castellles, Mannours,
Landes, Tenementes & other the premisses, or any percell therof, or for
lack of fyndyng of officies, or inquisitions, of, and in the pynsses, wher-
by the tytle of the kynges hyghnes therein ought to haue bene foude be-
fore the makynge of thesame letters patentes or other wrytynges, or for
mysrecital or none recital of leases therof before made, aswell of recor-
de, as not of record, or for lack of the certainty, mysclayng, ratyng or let-
tyng furth of the perely values & rates of the premisses, or of the perely
Rentes reserved, of, & for the premisses, or any percell therof, mencioned
or conteyned in any of thesaid lettres patentes, or other wrytynges, or for
p the premisses be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or lesse value
in thesaid letters patentes or wrytynges, then thesaid Honours, Man-
nours, Landes, Tenementes and other the premisses, then were, or shalbe
in perely value, or for misnaryng of the Townes, Hamlettes, parishes
or counties, where thesame Honours, Castellles, Mannours, Landes,
Tenementes, Rentes, Hereditamentes & other the premisses, and euery
percel therof, or any percel therof lye or been, or for lack of the true na-
myng of p natures, kyndes, sortes, and quantyties of thesaid possessiōs,
or heredi-

or hereditamentes or any percell therof, or for lack of true naming of the corporation of the same bodies politike or corporate, or for lack of attornment, lyuerie or sealon, or for misnaming of any of the late Tenantes or fermours of the same premisses so sold, given, graunted or exchanged, as for dyuerse & sundry other suggestions & surmises not comprised in the said letters patentes, whych hereafter might happen to be mooued, surmised or procured agaynst the same lettres patentes: for remedy & reformatio wherof, be yt ordeyned and enacted by the kynges most excellent highnes, wth assent of the lordes spiritual, & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, & as well al & euery the said lettres patentes, indentures & other writynges & euery of them sealed wth or vnder the seale or scales aboue named or any of theyn, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sythens the xxviii. daye of Ianuaty last past, as also all & singular hys graces letters patentes, indentures & other writynges hereafter, during hys highnes life (whych our Lord long continue) to be had, made or graunted wth or vnder any of the seales abouesaid to any body politike or corporate, or to any other person or persones of any honours, Castelles, Marches, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, reuertions, seruices, personages, Citties, p[ar]ishes, po[r]ciōs, aduousons, nominatiōs, presentatiōs, franchises, libertties, & other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions & profits, of what kynde, nature or qualite so ever they or any of them be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of them be, is, or shalbe named, known or reputed, shal stand & be taken, reputed and iudged, good, sure, perfitte, effectuell & auayleable in the lawe, during the tates in theym lymitte & specified, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, agaynst the kyng, his heires, & successours, wthout any cōsumation, lycence, dispensatiō or tolleratiō of the kyng his heires or successours: any & causes or matters aboue mencioned, cōteyned, or hereafter during his said highnes lyfe, to be cōteyned, had or made in any suche letters patentes, indentures or other writynges, by the kyng our souereygn Lord, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

It is ordeined allwaye, that this act, ne any thyng thereyn cōteyned, shal not in any wyse extend to reuue or make good, any letters patentes made of any office or offices to any Cōptroller, Customier, Alnage or Searcher, ne to any letters patentes of the graunte, of any other office or offices heretofore graunted or made by our said souereygn Lord the kyng whych now is, or be, or at any tyme heretofore haue bene adnihilated, determined or made voyde by iudgement, by auctoritie of parliament or decrees, nor to any patent to be made to any person or persones for terme of yeres, or during the minoritye of any heire, of, or in any Marches, Landes or Tenementes, wherof any traueise hereafter shalbe tendred wthin thre monethes after any office found & certified into any of the kynges courtes of recoorde, ne to any leases or grauntes of any Marches, Landes or

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des, or Tenementes of our said souereign Lordes hereafter to be made vnder any of þ seals of the courtes aforesayd, cōtrary to the limitatiō, or dynaunce prouision, establisshment & aucthoritie of thesame courtes; any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not wpthstandyng.

Þrouided also and be yt enacted, that this acte nor any thing therin conteyned, shall not extend to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strēgth, then thesame letters patentes were, or should haue bene befoze the makyng of this acte.

Þrouided all waye, and be yt enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that al & synguler suche patentees, grauntees, donees, as any tyme hereafter during the lyfe of our sayd souereign Lorde (whychē allinyghthe God long preferue) shall fortune to haue or obteyne, any Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes, of the gyft, graunt, sale or exchaunge of the kynges Maiestye, or of the onlye gift of the kynges Maiestye, of his most liberal disposition, & not solde, whychē at þ day of þ date of þ letters patentes, therof made, shall be of more, or better yerely value to the kyng in yerely rent and farme, then shall be conteyned, mencioned and specified in any suche letters patentes and particulars, therof made by the partycular suruey our or surueyours therof, & in suche byll or billes, as shall be signed and sealed wyth the hand or hādes of the patētee or patentees therof to be exhibited to the kynges Maiestye, or his officer or officers, wythin whose suruey thesayd Mannours, Landes and Tenementes, and other the premises, or any parte therof shall be, or wythin any of theim: whychē byll shall be signed, sealed, had and made as is aforesaid, befoze any byll shall be therof signed by the kynges maiestye: that then euery of thesayd patētees, graūtees & donees, their heyres, executors, or administratours, within one yere next after due profe and decrees therof made and had in the courte, wythin whose suruey thesame Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes and other the premises, or any pertel therof, befoze thesaid giftes and grauntes were, shall content and paye to the kyng for thesame ouerplus and more value of thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes to hym sold or exchaunged, after suche rate, as other Landes and Tenementes, were befoze so hym sold or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes as shall happen to be geuen by þ kynges maiestie, & not sold, as is abouesaid, thesaid patētee, his heyres, executors or administrators, shall content and paye to the kyng, after þ rate of twenty yeres purchase, so that thesame profe and decree be had & made in maner and forme abouesaid wythin .x. yeres next after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

C In acte for the vniityng of certayn churches wythin the Cytie of York.

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Here in the auncient Cytie of Yorke and suburbes of the-
 same, there is many parishe churches, whych heretofore, &
 same beynge well inhabited and replenysshed wyth people,
 was good and honest lyuynges for learned incumbentes,
 by reason of the prey tythes of the cyche merchauntes &
 of the offerynges of a great multitude: whych lyuynges is nowie so
 muche decayed by the rupne & decaye of thesaiyd Cytie and of þe trade of
 merchaundise there, that the reuenues & proffites of dyuerse of thesame
 benefices are at this present, not aboue the clere yerely value of. xxvi. s.
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 uyng for a good curate: yea, and no person wyl take the cure, but that of
 necessitie ther is some chauntre prest or elles some late religious pson
 beynge a stipendary, taken and appointed to thesaiyd Cure and Benefice,
 whych for the moost parte are vnlearned and very ignoraunt persones,
 not hable to do any parte of their dueties: By reason wherof, thesaiyd Cy-
 tie is not only replenysshed wyth blynd gyddes and pastors: but also
 the people muche kept in ignozaunce, aswell of their dueties towardes
 God, as also towardes the kynges maiestie and the common wealthe of
 this realme, and to the great daungier of their soules: In consideration
 wherof, and for the better relief & order of thesaiyd Cytie, it maye please
 the kynges maiestie by thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, & þe
 commons in this present parliamēt assembled and by þe auctoritie of the-
 same, that fro hensfurth yt shalbe lafull to þe Maiour and Recorder of
 thesaiyd Cytie, and to the ordinary or his deputy &.vi. Iustices of peace
 in thesaiyd Cytie, to vnite and knyght together thesaiyd parishes into a
 fewer number, that is to wyt, so many of thesaiyd parishes into one pa-
 rysh, as to them shalbe thought conuenient to be a lyuyng for one ho-
 nest incumbent, so the clere yerely value of one parishe excede not. xx. l.
 by yere, and so to procede thorough the sayde Cytie and Suburbes of
 thesame. And that it shalbe lesul for thesaiyd Maiour, Recorder and Al-
 dermen to pull downe the Churches, whych they shall thynke super-
 fluous in thesaiyd Cytie and Suburbes of thesame, and to bestowe the-
 same toward the reparatiōs and enlargement of the other Churches, of
 the Brydges in thesaiyd Cytie and to the relief of the poore people. And
 further, that thesaiyd Maiour, Recorder, Ordinary, or his deputy and
 vi. Iustices of peace beynge Aldermen, shal allotte and appoynt the pre-
 sentment and pattonage of the Church so vnited to the patrons of all
 the Churches, to knyght in one parishes, that they maye make theyr pre-
 sentmentes by turne, euery one accordyng to their quantytye of hys for-
 mer pattonage.

Provided allwayes and be yt enacted by the auctoritie afore-
 sayde, that all suche incumbentes of the Churches aforesayde, that
 shalbe put downe by vertue of thys Acte, shall haue the yerely value of
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their benefices after the rate they do paye tenthes during their lyfes, so they will do serupce therfore in the churche appoynted for the parishe churche, accordyng to theyr former duties: And if they refuse to serue, then they only during their lyfes to haue þ third parte of the value as is aforesaid, and to be payd at the handes of the incumbent of the parishe Churche to be appoynted.

Þrouided also, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that þ Incumbentes of euery suche Churche, whyche, by vertue of this acte shalbe made & ordeyned for þ parishe Churche, & wherunto any other parishe or parishes shalbe vnited, shal, after the vnion therof, perely paye the Tenthes to be due for thesame to the kynges, Maicstie his heyras & successors, of thesame Churche, and of all other Churches therunto vnited & annexed. And thesaid incumbentes of the parishe churche so vnited, to haue his allowaunce of the incumbentes of the churches so vnited therunto, during their seuerall lyfes, accordyng to the rate & porciõ of þ churches so vnited as shalbe assigned by the abouesayd psones, haupng aucthorite by this acte to vnite thesame. And the succellor and successors of euery suche incumbent, of euery suche churche, as shalbe made þ parishe churche, and wherunto any Churche or parishe shalbe vnited, by force of this acte, shall paye or compound for the fyrt fruytes therof at euery auoydaunce before his induction to thesame, accordyng to suche perely value, as suche churche or Churches, as shalbe made a parishe churche, and wherunto any churche or churches, parishe or parishes shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shalbe of at the tyme of the vnion therof, and as if yt had bene of suche lyke perely value at the tyme of makpng of þ statute for fyrt frutes and Tenthes, and of no greater value: any ordeynance, statute or lawe, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cap. x.

An act for Exigentes and Proclamacions in Wales, and in the Countie Paleatine of Chester, and also in the Cytie of Chester.



Here, in the high Courte of Parliamente, holden at Westmynster in the. xxvii. yere of the moste prosperous reigne of the late famous kyng Henry the VIII. by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons assembled in thesaid hygh Courte of Parliamente: It was enacted and establisshed by aucthoritie of thesame parliament, that hys highnes dominion and principallitie of Wales, & al Marches, Landes, Tenementes, and other dominions, wythin thesaid dominion & principallitie of Wales, should be diuided into twelue Shires, or Counties, that is to say: the Shires or Counties, of Glamorgā, Radnour, Brecknocke, Carmarthyn, Denbroke, Cardygan, Merioneth, Morgomery, flynt, Carnarua, Anglesey, & Denbigh, in euery of whyche layed

saied Counties & Shires, emöggest the officers perely appoynted, it was then ordeyned, & there should be distinct & seuerall Shiriefes ycrely: & also where the Counties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, be auncient & seuerall Counties Palentine of themselves, in all whyche sayed Counties, the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamation awarded vpon any exigente agaynst any person, or persones, in any actiō, wherein processe of outlarie doth lye, accordyng to the statute made in the sixt yere of the reign of thesayed late kyng, shal not bee directed vnto the Shirief, or Shiriefes of any of thesayd Shires or Counties, but vnto the Shirief of the Countie next adioynnyng: So & p^rtye dwellyng in any of thesayd Shires, or Counties, agaynst whom any suche exigent & Proclamation shalbe so awarded, shall not nor can haue any knowledge of thesame sute, or processe, by reason whercof, many of the persones inhabitng in thesayd Shires & Counties, wythout knowledge, or cause of suite, haue been wrongfully & vniustly vtaged, to their vitter vndoynge: Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good cōsideratiōs, by & kyng our souereyn Lord, wth assent of & Lordes spirituall & tempozall, & the commons in thys present parliamēt assembled & by the auctoritie of thesame, enacted, ordeined, and established, that if, & whensoever any writ of exigent, at any tyme after the firste daye of April next cōmyng, shalbe awarded at & suite of & kyng, or of any other person, or persones, plaintief, or plaintiefes, in any action or suite, in any of the Courtes of our saied souereyn Lord the King, his heyrres, or successours, commonly called & kynges Benche, & the Common Place, agaynst any person, or persones, dwellyng in any of & aforesaid Counties in Wales, or in thesaid Counties Palentine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, or in any of the: & then immediatly vpon & awardynge of euery suche exigēt, & Justice, or Justices, befoze whom any suche writte of exigent, vpon suche suite or action shalbe sued, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde one writte of proclamation, accordyng to & tenor & effecte of proclamations awarded vpoⁿ exigētes, directed out of any of thesaid Courtes, into Londo, agaynst any p^rson, dwellyng in any other Shire, where & kynges writte is currant, accordyng to & orde & forme of thesaid statute made in the sixt yere of thesayed late kyng, to bee directed to suche of & aforesayd Shiriefes of any of & aforesayd Counties in Wales, & of & Counties Palentine of Chester, & of & Cytie of Chester, for & tyme beyng, where it shall happen thesaid defendaut, agaynst whō any suche action shalbe sued, as is aforesaid, to bee dwellyng: And that euery suche writte of Proclamation shall haue thesame teste & daye of returne, as & exigētes, wherupō euery suche writ of proclamatiō shalbe awarded, shal haue: And & euery suche Shirief, to whō any suche writte of proclamatiō shalbe directed, shall make proclamatiō of thesaid writ of proclamatiō, accordyng to the tenor of thesame, and shall make true returne of & same, in suche Courte, and befoze suche Justices, as & tenor of thesame

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of thesame writte, shall require and demaunde. And that all outlawes hereafter to be promulged or pronounced, against any person or persones, vpon any suche exigent or exigentes, awarded agaynst any persone or persones, dwelling in any of thesayde Counties of Wales, and the Counties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, and no writte of Proclamacion awarded in forme abouesayde, to þe Shireief or Shireiefes of the Countie, where the partie defendaunt shalbe, as is abouesayde dwelling, or not returned, to bee clerely voyde, and of none effecte, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that al & euery Shireief and Shireiefes, of euery of thesayde Counties of Wales, & of the Counties Palentine of Chester, and the Cytie of Chester aforesaid, shal haue in euery of thesaid Courtes of the Kynges Benche, and of the Common place, one sufficient deputie at the least, to receyue all writtes directed to suche the Shireief or Shireiefes, for whom, thesame deputie, or deputies shalbe appoynted in lyke maner and forme, and vpon lyke paynes, as by the former statutes and lawes of thys realme, other Shireiefes of other Shires, or Counties wythin this realme of England, be bounden to haue, in cyther of thesame Courtes: and that all writtes of Proclamacion aforesaid, shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche deputie of Record in thesame Courtes: and also like fees shalbe paid for makynge euery suche writte of proclamacion, and for enrolling thesame of Record, as is limited in thesayde statute, made in thesayde sixt yere of the reyn of our sayed late souereyn Lord Kyng Henry the eyght.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, þe if any person, dwelling in any of thesaid Counties of Wales, after the aforesaid fyrst day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any suite or action aforesaid, that the writtes of special Capias utlagat, single Capias utlagat, nō molestand, & al other processe, for, or against any person outlawed, shall, and maye fro thenfurth be directed to the Shireief of any of thesayd Counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the Kynges said Courtes, of the kynges Beche or comō Place, in that behaalf: and that euery suche writtes may be deliuered of Record, to the deputie of suche of thesayde Shireiefes, to whō any suche writte or processe, shalbe directed, & that euery suche Shireief, shal make executiō & retorne, of euery suche writ of processe to hym directed, vpon like peyn & penaltie, as is aboue limited.

And be it further enacted, and established, þe if any suche writ or writtes of proclamaciō hereafter directed to any of the Shireiefes, of any of thesayd Shires in wales, or Counties Palentine of Chester, or of þe Cytie of Chester, be deliuered vnto any of thesaid Shireiefes, for the tyme beynge, or to his, or their deputie, in maner & forme aforesaid: & thesame Shireief or Shireiefes, do not make true retorne of euery suche writ and writtes of proclamaciō, into suche Court & Courtes, out of whyche thesaid writ or writtes of proclamaciō shalbe awarded: that for euery such default

default of none returne, euery suche Shierif for the tyme beyng, shall lose & forfeit. v. l. the one haulte therof shalbe to our soueraygn Lorde the kyng, his heyres, and successors: the other haulte to any suche person or persones, as wyll sue for thesame in an actiō of debte, grounded vpon this acte, in any of þe kynges Courtes of Recorde, wherein none elloyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe allowed or admitted.

Þrouded alwaies, this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende, or be preiudiciall to thesame Counties of Wales, or to thesayd Counties Palentine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, for, or concernyng suche liberties, fraunchises, or priuileges, as belong to them, or any of them, or to any ministers, or officers of them, or any of them, otherwile, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this acte, is before prouided and declared: any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouded alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise be preiudicial or hurtfull to any Lord, Marcher in Wales, but that they & euery of them, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them, shall & maye haue like libertie, interest and preeminence, as they, and euery of them, had, might, or ought to haue had before the makyng of thys acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thyng in thys acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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CAn acte for the repeale of a certayn statute, made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of moost famous memozy, Henry the. viii. for reuokynge of actes of Parliament.



Where in the Parliament begonne at Westmynster the xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memozy kyng Henry the. viii. it was enacted by the auctoritie of thesayd Parliament, that if the Emperiall crowne of thys Realme, after the decessle of the sayd late kyng, should discende, come or remayne to þe heyres of our sayde late soueraygn lord, or to any pson to bee limited by hys hyghnes, as of very right, it must & ought to do, accordig to þe lawes of this Realme, established for thesame, thesayd heyres or such person, beyng wythin the age of. xiiii. yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament, shoulde happen to be made and established in any parliament, that then shoulde be holden before suche heire or heyres, person or persons, then beyng in possessiō of the sayd crowne, shoulde be of their ful ages of. xiiii. yeres, that then euery suche heyre or heyres, of our sayde late soueraygn Lorde, or such person, so possessed of the crowne, beyng wythin thesame age, of. xiiii. yeres, shoulde haue full power

power & auctoritie at all tymes, after they shoulde come to their sayde full ages of. xliiii. yerres, by their letters patentes, vnder the great scale of England to reuoke, adnull, & repell, al and singuler suche actes, made & establisshed by their royal assentes, in any Parliament holde, durynge y^e tyme, that they were wythin their sayd age of. xliiii. yerres, their royall assentes had to the same, durynge y^e tyme, that they were wythin the sayde age of. xliiii. yerres, or any acte or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery suche repeale, adnullation, and reuocation of any acte or actes that shoulde be made and establisshed in any Parliament, holden befoze the tyme, that suche heyres, or persone possessed of y^e crowne, shoulde be of the sayd age of. xliiii. yerres, shoulde be as good and effectuell, to all intentes & purposes, as though it had bene done by the auctoritie of Parliamente, as in the sayde acte is moze playnly declared: With the makynge of whiche estatute, it hath pleased almighty God to take vnto his mercy, our sayd late souereyn lord kyng Henry y^e viii. Our now moost gracious & deere souereyne liege lord, kyng Edward the. vi. hys sonne and heyre (whose lyfe God longe preserve) now beyng aboue the age of. x. yerres, and vnder the age of. xli. yerres: durynge whose minoritye, as the common wealthe of his highnes Realmes of England and Ireland, and of al the dominions and countreys of the same, is, and moost necessariely oughte to be provided for, maynteyned, & preserved: so is it y^e naturall duety of euery good, true & louynge subiecte, to apply hym self wyth al hys power and diligence, to study, inuent, and practyse by al waies, meanes & maners, for the conseruation of the same. And for asmuche as for the preservation of the royal estate of our said souereign Lord the kyng that now is, and the sauegard and suertie of hys moost royal person, and for the good tranquillitie quietnes, rest and peace of his sayd Realmes, countreys, dominions and subiectes, aswell wholsome lawes and statutes are to be ordeyned, establisshed and provided, as also some lawes & statutes to be repelled and adnullled, as the case shall require, accorдынge to the dispositiō of the people, whiche cannot take any good effecte or successe, without actes & prouisions of Parliament to be made, befoze their ages of. xliiii. yerres: And for y^e it shoulde seme vnto all men, that the good intentiō, meanyng and purpose of the sayde late kyng, & of the makers of the sayde estatute, was not y^e good & wholsome lawes, whiche shoulde be made, provided and ordeined, for the good gouernance of the Realmes and dominions abouesayde, durynge the tyme, y^e any kyng of thys Realme, shoulde be wythin the sayd age of. xliiii. yerres, shoulde from the tyme of the deceasse of the auncestoz or progenitor of any such kyng, within the age of. xliiii. yerres, at the tyme of the death of y^e sayde auncestoz or progenitor, vntyll the age of. xliiii. yerres, of any suche kyng, be made, demed & adiudged to be voyed by any suche lettres patentes, to al intentes & purposes, as though they neuer had bene made,

made, but that theſayed actes & euery of them, and all and euery thyng
 and thynges vſed, committed, doen, ſuffered, or executed by aucthoritie
 of theſame, ſhould be good, auaylable and perſyte in the lawe: And that
 theſayed reuocation, adnullation, and repeale, ſhould be taken, to make
 voyde theſayed actes, and euery of them onely, from the tyme of theſayed
 reuocation, adnullation and repeale, and not otherwyſe: The contraty
 entendement and expolition whereof, myght otherwyſe, not onely diſco=
 rage all ſubiectes, duringe that tyme, and thoſe peres, to endeuoꝝ them=
 ſeltes, to, and for the aduiſyng, ſettyng furth, and conſentynge to the ma=
 kyng of good and whoſome lawes: but alſo ſhould cauſe theſayed ſub=
 iectes, to adiudge and thynke themſeltes to lyue for that tyme, vnder no
 maner of certainty or aſſuraunce of any poſſitiue lawe, or ſtatute, duringe
 that tyme to be made or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the Kyng
 oure ſouereigne Lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and ſei=
 porall, and the commons in this preſent Parliamente aſſembled, and by
 the aucthoritie of theſame, that theſayed acte of Parliamente aboue re=
 cited, made in theſayed. xxviii. yere of the reigne of theſayed late Kyng,
 and euery worde, article, claufe, mater ſentence and thyng therein ſpeci=
 fyed and conteyned, ſhall, by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliamente be,
 to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, vtterly voyde, adnulled,
 repelled, and of none effect, and as though theſame had neuer bene had
 ne made. Neuetheleſſe, to the intent the Kynges Maieſtie oure ſouerei=
 gne Lorde, maye haue power, aucthoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue
 at hys full age of. xliiii. yeres, or at anye tyme after, at hys libertie and
 pleaſure, to repeale all ſtatutes and actes of Parliamente, aſwell made
 in this preſent Parliamente, as hereafter in any other Parliamente to be
 holden, before he ſhall accompliſhe theſayed age of. xliiii. yeres, to be
 made or ordeined, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the ma=
 kers of theſayed former ſtatute: Be it further ordeyned and enacted by
 the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliamente, that oure ſayed ſouereigne
 lorde the Kyng that now is, at his full age of. xliiii. yeres, or at any tyme
 after, and all, and euery heire & heires of theſayed late Kyng, and other
 perſone and perſones, to whom the Imperiall crowne of hys Realme
 ſhall hereafter diſcende, come, or remaine, by the appoyntment of theſayed
 late Kyng, and by the ſtatutes of this Realme in the tymes of theſame
 late Kyng, in that caſe prouided and made, then beyng within the age
 of. xliiii. yeres ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this
 preſent acte, at all tymes, after he, or they ſhall come to his, or their full
 age of. xliiii. yeres, by hys, or theyꝝ letters Patentes, vnder the greate
 Seale of Englande, to repelle all and ſingular acte and actes, or any of
 them, as be, or ſhalbe made, or eſtabliſhed, by his or their royall aſſentes
 in any Parliamente holden, or to be holden, duringe the tyme that he, or
 they was, were, or ſhalbe, within theſayed age. of. xliiii. yeres, other then
 this preſent acte of Parliamente, and other then all pardons graunted,
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and to be graunted, within thesayed seuerall ages of .xxiii. yerres, by au-
thoritie of Parliamente, so that thesame repeale bee made and bled in
maner and fourme hereafter folowynge, that is to saye, that euery suche
letters Patentes of repeale, shall conteyne all suche actes, as shalbe re-
pelled, and shalbe solely and openly proclaimed in the kynges court
of Chauncery, betwene the houres of .ix. and .xi. befoze none, at thre se-
uerall dayes, in euery of twoo of the foure vsuall termes, to be holden
at Westmynstre, or els where, within this Realme of Englande, and al-
so one tyme in euery countie of this Realme, and in Wales, at the seuer-
all Assises, to be holden in thesame seuerall countie, betwene lyke hou-
res, and that then after fourtye dayes, nexte after suche Proclamation,
in all and euery place and countie abouesaid, so had and made, thesaid
letters Patentes of repeale, to take their force, strength and effecte, and
not befoze, or from any other tyme or reason, nor in anye other maner or
forme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, aswell made in this
Parliamt, as hereafter to be made within thesayed age of .xxiii. yerres,
of our souereigne lord the kynges maiestie that now is, as in the tyme
of any thesaid heire or heires, or other thesaid person or persones, then
byng in possession of the imperiall crowne of this realme, and vnder the
age of .xxiii. yerres, shalbe good and effectuell, to all intentes, construc-
tions and purposes, vntill thesaid letters Patentes of repeale, procla-
mations, and fourtye dayes, shalbe so had, made, runne, and palte: and
that all and euery acte and actes, thynge and thynges, bled, had, commit-
ted, doen, suffered or executed, by the authoritie of thesaid acte or actes,
or any of them, within any of thesaid ages of .xxiii. yerres accordyng to
the purporthe, tenor, and effecte of thesaid acte or actes, or any of them,
shalbe good and effectual for euer, thesaid repeale so to be made, in any
wyse notwithstanding. And that all and euery persone and persones,
bodies politique and corporate, shall, and maye by the authoritie of
this present acte, from tyme to tyme, aswel after thesaid repeale as be-
foze, pleade, or alledge, for his or their defence, excuse, indempritie, pro-
fyte, benefyte, or aduantage, all and euery suche acte and actes, or any
of them, so reuoked, adnulled or repelled, or to be reuoked, adnulled, or
repelled, for concernyng, or in any wyse touchyng any thyng or thynges,
had, bled, graunted, suffered, possessed, committed, doen or accrued by
the authoritie, sufferance, or force of thesayed acte and actes, or any of
them, befoze the reuocatio, adnullation or repealyng of thesame, in such,
and as ample maner and fourme, as yf thesayed acte and actes so to be
reuoked, adnulled or repelled, and euery of them, had stande in his, and
their full strength, force, and effecte, and as yf thesayed acte or actes, had
neuer been reuoked, adnulled, or repelled: anye thyng in suche repeale
conteyned notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and bee it also ordeyned, and enacted by the au-
thoritie aforesayd, that no kyng, or kynges of this realme, shall haue
authoritie,

auctoritie, power or prerogatiue, to repelle any acte of Parliament or statute, that shalbe made in the tyme of any kyng, before the said age of xiiii. yeres, other then such, as be, or shalbe made in his awne tyme: any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte for the repeale of certayne statutes,
concernyng Treasons, Felonies, &c.

¶ The. xii. Chapter.



Nothing beyng more Godly, more sure, more to be wished and desyred betwixte a Prince, the supreme heade and ruler, and the subiectes, whose gouernour and heade he is, then on the Princes part, great clemencie and indulgentie, and rather to muche forgeuenesse and remission of hys royall power and iuste punishemet, then exact seueritie and iustice to be shewed: and on the subiectes behaulfe, that they should obeye rather for loue, and for the necessitie & loue of a kyng and Prince, then for feare of his streight, and seuerel lawes: yet suche tymes, at some tyme commeth in the common wealth, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressyng of the insolentie and vnrulynes of menne, and for the foresayng and prouidyng of remedies agaynst rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischiefes, (as God some tyme beyng wyth vs displeased, for oure punishment doeth inflict and laye vpon vs, or the deuyll at Gods permission, to assaye the good and Gods electe, both so we, and set amonges vs) the whiche almighty God, with his healpe and manes pollicie, hath alwayes been content and pleased, to haue stayed, that sharper lawes, as a harder byddle, should be made, to staye those men, and factes, that myght els be occasion, cause and aucthozs of further inconuenience: The whiche thyng caused the Prince of moste famousse memorye, kyng Henry the eighte, father to oure sayed souereigne lorde the kyng, and other hys hyghnes Progenitozs, with the assent of the nobles and commons, at dyuerse Parliametes, in their seuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte certayne lawes and statutes, whiche myght seme and appere to men of exteriour realmes, and many of the kynges Majesties subiectes, very streyght, sore, extreme and terrible, although they were then, when they were made, not without greate consideration and pollicie moued and establisshed, and for the tyme, to the aduoydaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or wynter, one course, and garment is conuenient, in calme or warne weather, a more liberall case, or lighter garment, bothe maye, and ought to be folowed and bled: So we haue seen dyuerse streight and sore lawes made in oure Parliamete, the tyme so requiryng, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another Prince, by the lyke auctoritie and Parliament

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repelled, and taken awaye. The whiche moſte high clemencie and royall example of his Maieſties moſte noble progenitours, the kynges highnes, of his tendre and Godly nature, moſte geuen to mercye and loue of his ſubiectes, willing to folow: and perceyving the hartye and ſyncere loue, that his moſte loupynge ſubiectes, both the lordes and comons, dothe beate vnto his highnes, now in this his Maieſties tendre age, willing alſo to gratifye theſame therfore: and myndynge further to prouoke his ſayed ſubiectes, with greate indulgentie and clemencie, ſhewed on hys highnes behalfe, to more loue and kyndenes towardes his Maieſtie (yf it maye be) and vpon truſt, that they wyll not abuſe theſame, but rather be encouraged thereby, more faithfully, & with more diligence (yf it maye be) and care for his Maieſtie, to ſerue his highnes now, in this his tendre age, is contented and pleaſed, that the ſeuertie of certain lawes here folowynge, be mitigated and remitted: Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this preſent Parliamente aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of theſame, that from hencefurth, none acte, dede, or offence, beyng by acte of Parliament or ſtatute, made treaſon, or petit treaſon, by wordes, writynge, cypheryng, dedes, or othe wyſe whatſoever, ſhalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to be high treaſon, or petit treaſon, but onely ſuche as be treaſon or petit treaſon, in, or by the acte of Parliament, or ſtatute, made in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of the moſte noble kyng of famous memoꝝ, kyng Edward the thyrde, touchynge, or concernynge treaſon, or the declarations of treaſons: and ſuche offences as hereafter ſhal, by this preſent acte be expreſſed and declared, to be treaſon, or petit treaſon, and none other, nor that anye peynes of death, penaltie or forfeiture in any wyſe enſue, or be, to any of the offenders, for the doyng or committynge any treaſon, or petit treaſon, other then ſuche, as be in theſayed eſtatute made in theſayed. xxv. yere of the reigne, of theſayed kyng Edward the thyrde, or by this preſent eſtatute ordeyned or prouided: any acte or actes of Parliament, ſtatute or ſtatutes, had, or made at any tyme heretofore, or after theſayed. xxv. yere of the reigne, of theſayed late kyng Edward the thirde, or any other declaration or matter to the contrary in any wyſe notwithstanding.

And alſo be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayed, that all actes of Parliamente, and eſtatutes, touchynge, mencionynge, or in any wyſe concernynge religion or opinions, that is to ſaye, alwell the ſtatute made, in the firſt yere of the reigne, of the kynges noble progenitour, kyng Richard the ſeconde, and the ſtatute made in the ſeconde yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the fifth, and the ſtatute alſo made in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, concernynge puniſhment and reformation of Heretiques and Lollardes, and euerie prouiſyon therein conteyned, and the ſtatute made for the aboluſhment of dyuerſitie of opinions, in certayne Articles concernynge Chriſtian religion, commonly called

called the sixe articles, made in the Parliament, begon at Westmynster the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne, of the moste noble and victorious Prince, of moste famous memory, King Henry the eight, father to our sayed moste dread soueraigne Lorde the King that now is: and also the acte of Parliamente and statute, made at the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the. xvi. daye of January, in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne, of the sayed late King Henry the eight, and after that prologed vnto the. xxii. daye of January, in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne, of the sayed late King Henry the eight, touchyng, mencionyng, or in any wyse concernyng bookes of the Olde and Newe Testamente in Englyshe, and the printyng, vttetyng, sellyng, geuyng or deliueyng of bookes, or writynges, and receiuyng of Englysh bookes or writynges, and readyng, preachyng, teachyng, or expoundyng of Scripture, or in anye wyse, touchyng, mencionyng or concernyng anye of thesame matters. And also one other statute, made in the Parliamēt holden at Westmynster, in the. xxxv. yeres of the reigne, of the sayed late King Henry the. viii. concernyng the qualification of the statute of sixe Articles, and all and euery other acte or actes of Parliament, cōcernyng doctrine, or matters of Religion, and all, and euery brāunche, article, sentence, and matter, paynes and forfaitures, conteyned, inencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame actes of Parliamēt, or statutes, shall, from hencefurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it further ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all offences made felonye, by any acte or actes of Parliamente, statute or statutes, made sythens the. xxiii. daye of Apryll, in the first yere of the reigne, of the sayed late King Henry the eight, not beyng felonye before, and also, all and euery the brāunches and Articles mencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame Statutes, concernyng the making of anye offence or offences to be felonye, not beyng felonye before: and all paynes & forfaitures, concernyng thesame, or any of them, shall, from hencefurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it also ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that one acte made in the Parliamēt holden at Westmynster, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne, of the sayed late King Henry the eighte, that Proclamations made by the Kinges hyghnes, by the aduise of hys honorable counsaill, should be obeyed and kept, as though they were made by auctoritie of parliament: And also one other acte made in the parliamēt, holden in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the sayed late King Henry the eight, for the due execution of the sayed proclamations: and also, all and euery brāunche, article, and matter in thesame statutes, and in euery of them mencioned or declared, shall, from hencefurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, at any tyme after the first daye of Marche next commyng, by

open preachyng, expresse wordes or saynges, do affirme, or lettethe, that the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this Realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or ought not to be supreme heade in earth, of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediatly under God, or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, supreme heade of the same Churches, or of any of them: or that the kyng, his heires or successours, kynges of this realme, is not, or ought not to be the kyng of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, or of any of them: or after thesaied first daye of Marche, do compass, or inagyn by open preachyng, expresse wordes, or saynges, to depose or depriue the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles, to, or of the realmes aforesayd, or do openly publishe, or save by expresse wordes or saynges, that any other person, or persons, other then the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforesayd, or of any of them, or to haue and enioye the same, or any of them: that then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, their aydours, comfortors, abettors, procurors, and counsaillors, for his or their such first offence, shall lose and forsaich to the kyng, all his, and their goodes, and cattalles, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his, and their bodies, at the kynges will and pleasure. And if any person, beyng once conuicted or attainted of any of thesaied offences, shall, after his sayed conuiction or attainder, efflones comit or perpetrate any of the offences before mentioned, other then such, as he expresse in thesaied statute made in thesaied, xlv. yere of kyng Edward the thirde, and shall be thereof duely conuicted or attainted, by the lawes of this Realme: that then euery suche offendour, their aidours, comfortors, abettors, procurors and counsaillors, for his, or their sayed second offence, or offences, shall lose and forsaich to the kyng, the whole issues and profytes of all hys, and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, and other spirituall promotions for terme of the life of such offendour or offendours: and shall also lose and forsaich to the kyng, all his, and their gooddes, and cattalles, and also suffer, during his, and their lyfes, perpetuall imprisonment, of his, and their bodies. And if any person, beyng two tymes hereafter conuicted, or attainted of any of thesaied offences, shall, after his sayed second conuiction or attainder, efflones comit or perpetrate agayn, any of thesaied offences, and be thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of thys realme: that then euery suche thyrde offence or offences, shall be deemed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour and offendours, their aidours, comfortors, abettors, procurors, and counsaillors, beyng therein conuicted or attaynted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shall be deemed and adiudged bygh traytors, and shall suffre

suffre pynnes of death, and lose & forsaite all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and teneimentes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that yf anye person, or persons, at any tyme after thesaied first daye of Marche next commynge, by wytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede or acte, do affirme, or set furth, that the kyng of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or oughte not to be supreme heade in yearth of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediately vnder God: or shall, by wytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, after thesaied first daye of Marche: affirme, or set furth, that the Bishop of Rome, or any other person, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwyle, the supreme heade in earth, of thesame churches, or of any of them: or do, after thesaied firste daye of Marche, compassse, or linagyn, by wytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, to depose or depyue the kyng, hys heires or successors, Kynges of thys realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles of the kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of any of them: or by any wytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, do affirme, that any other persone or persones, other then the kyng, his heires and successors, is, or of right ought to be kyng of the realmes of England, Fraunce, or Irelande, or to haue and enioye thesame, or any of them: that then euery such offence and offences shalbe demed, and adiudged high treason, and the offendor, & offendors, theire aydoys, comfortoys, abbettoys, procuroys, and counsaioys, therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged high traitors, and shal suffer pynes of death, and lose and forsaite all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and teneimentes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this estatute, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyle extend, to repell, adnull, or make frustrate or voyde any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made, concernyng the counterfaictyng, or forgyng of anye of the coynes of this Realme, or of the coyne of anye other realme or realmes, currante within this Realme, or for clippynge, washynge, or falsyng of any of thesaied coynes, or for, or concernyng the bringyng into this Realme, of counterfaicte money or coyne: ne to any statute, made in the .xxvii. yere of thesaied late kyng Henry the. viii. concernyng the false forgyng and counterfaictyng of the Kynges signes Manwell, preuey signate, or preuey scale, ne to their counsaioys, procuroys, aydoys, and abbettoys, nor to anye article, or braunche, concernyng thesame offences, or any of them, conteyned in thesame statutes, or anye of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that yf any the heires of the kyng, our sayed souereigne Lorde that now is, or anye persone or persones, to whom the crowne and dignitie of thys realme is

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limited and appointed by acte of Parliamente, made in the .xxxv. yere of the reigne of the sayed late kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of them, do, at anye tyme hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the crowne of this realme, or demaunde, challenge, or claime the same, otherwise, or in anye other forme or degre of discent, or succession, or in any other course, forme, degre, or condition, but onely in suche manner and forme, as is declared by the sayde estatute: or if any of the sayed heires, or persones aforesayd do interrupte, or let the kynges highnes that nowe is, peaceably and quietly to kepe, haue, and enioye the sayed Imperiall crowne: that then, all and synguler the offenders, their aydoers, comfortors, abettors, procurors, and counsaillors therein, shalbee demed and adiudged hygh traytors, and shall suffer, and incurre the paynes of death, losses and forfeitures, as is aforesayd in cases of hygh treason.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no persone or persones, that heretofore hath been, or at anye tyme hereafter shalbee in due forme of the lawes attaynted or convicted of murder of malice prepensed, or of poysonyng of malice prepensed, or of breakyng of any house by daye or by nighte, any persone beyng then in the same house, where the same breakyng heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbee committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbee thereby put in feare, or dread, or of, or for robbynge of any person or persones in the high waye, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious stealyng of Horses, Geldynges or Mares, or of felonious takyng of any gooddes, out of anye parische Church, or other Church or Chapell, or beyng indicted or appealed of anye of the same offences, and thereupon found gyltie, by verdict of twelve men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or their arraignment, or wyl not answer directly, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, or shall stand wilfully, or of malice mute, shall not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefyte of hys cleargie or Sanctuary, but shalbee put from the same: and that in all other cases of felony, other then suche, as be before mencioned, all and synguler persone and persones, whiche after the firste daye of Marche nexte comyng, shalbe arraigned or found gyltie, vpon his or their arraignment, or shall confesse the same, or stande mute, in forme aforesayd: or wyl not answer directly in forme abovesayd, shall haue and enioye the priuilege and benefyte of his, or their cleargie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarie, in lyke maner and forme, as he, or they myght, or should haue doen before the .xxiii. daye of Apryll, in the firste yere of the reigne of the sayed late kyng Henry the eight.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mencioned, or specified in anye acte or actes of Parliament, statute, or statutes, made in the tyme of the reigne of the sayed late kyng Henry the eight, touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng

concernyng any maner of chalenge, for the Countie, Hundreth, or Peremptorye chalenge, or anye of them, or touchyng, or in any wyle concernyng any maner of tryall of foreyn pleas, pleaded by murderets, felons, or other offendours, shall, as concernyng thesayed chalenges and tryalles, remaine in their force and strengthe, not repelled, any thyng in this acte mencioned, soundyng or sempyng to the contrarpe, in any wyle notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte of Parliament, or any thyng therein mencioned, as concernyng the repeale of any estatute or estatutes made, touchyng treason, or mispryson of treason, shall not in any wyle geue any maner of benefyte, aduantage, or commoditie, to any person, or persones, beyng the last daye of October last past, arrested, or imprysoned for treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason, or to any person or persones, heretofore beyng indicted of treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason, or to any other person, or persons, beyng lykewyse convicted, outlawed, or attaynted of treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason: or beyng fled beyode the seas, or into Scotland, before thesated last daye of October last past, for any treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason: But that they, and euery of theim, shall suffer suche paynes of death, losses and forfaitures of landes, & gooddes, as in cases of treason, as though this acte had neuer been had or made: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandinge: And that the lawes and statutes repelled by this acte, shall stande agaynst them, and euery of theim, in full strengthe, vertue, force, and effecte, concernyng all, and euery offence by them, or any of them, heretofore committed or doen.

Provided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all wylfull kylling, by poysonyng of anye persone or persones, that at anye tyme hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated, or committed, shalbe adiudged, taken and deined, wylfull murders of malyce prepen- sed: and that the offendours therein, their aydoers, abbettoers, procuroers, and counsaillors shall suffer death, and forfaiture in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wylfull murder of malice prepen- sed.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the Kynges maiesties subiectes, shall & maye vpon his prayer haue the priuilege of cleargie, as a clerke conuicte, that maye make purgatio in all those cases, and euery of them, and also in all, and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefyte of cleargie is restreyned, excepted, or taken apaye by thys estatute, or acte (wylfull murder, and poysonyng of malyce prepen- sed, onely excepted) the Lorde and Lordes of the Parliament, and pere and peres of the Realme, haupyng place and voyce in Parliamente, shall, by vertue of this present acte, of common grace, vpon hys, or their request or prayer, allegyng that he is a Lorde, or pere of this Realme, and clai- myng

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myng the benefyte of this acte, though he cannot read, without any buryng in the hande, losse of inheritaunce, or corruption of his blood, be iudged, deined, taken and bled for the fyrste tyme onely, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as a clerke conuicte, and shalbe in case of a clerke conuicte, whiche maye make purgation, wpythout anye further, or other benefyte, or priuilege of cleargie, to any such lord or pere, from thensefurthe at any tyme after, for any case to be allowed, adiudged, or admitted: any lawe, statute, vsage, custome, or any other thyng, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwayes, that yf any of thesayed lordes of the Parliamēt, or any of the peres of this Realme, for the tyme bypnyge, shall fortune to be indicted of anye of the offences lymted in thys acte: That then, they and euery of them, shall haue his, or their triall, by their peres, as it hath been bled heretofore in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf anye persone or persones, that by this statute, or by any other statutes, or lawes of this Realme ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefyte of hys, or their cleargie: that thesame persone and persones, shalbe from hensefurthe admitted and allowed, to haue hys, or their cleargie, although they, or anye of theim haue been dyucte and sundery tymes maryed to any synple woman, or synple women, or to any wydowe, or widowes, or to twoo wyfes, or mo: any lawe, statute, or vsage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that albeit any persone or persones, of what estate, condition, or degree, he, or they be, shall hereafter fortune to be attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, mispyssion of treason, murder, or felonye whatiocuer, yet that notwithstanding, euery woman, that is or shall fortune to be wyfe of the persone so attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, shalbe endowhable and enabled to deinaunde, haue and enioye her dower, in lyke maner and fourme, as though her husbände had not been attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed: anye statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. Sauyng to all and euery other persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, and to euerye of theim, other then to suche offender or offenders, as shalbe attaynted conuicted, or outlawed, all suche ryght, title, interest, entre, leases, possession, condition, proffyte, commoditie, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had, or should, or of right oughte to haue, befoze, or at the tyme of thesayed attaynder, conuiction, or vtlagary.

Prrouided also, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that one Acte made at the Parliament holden at Westmynster, vpon diuerse prorogatiōs, the.iiii. daye of february, in the.xxvii.yere of thesaiyd late kyng Henry the.viii.and there cōtinued and kept, vntyll the.xxiii.daye of Apryll

of Appyll then nexte ensuyng, concernyng and touchyng the felonious takyng awaye by anye seruaunt, the gooddes or cattalles of the Maister or Maistres, and all articles, and sentences conteyned in thesame acte, shall stande, bee, and remayne in full strength, force, and effecte, in suche maner and forme, as it did befoze the makyng of this present acte, the repeale, or reuocation of the actes abouesayed, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaye, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no person, or persons, shall in any wise be impeached, or put to answer, for any of the offences abouesayed, concernyng treasons, by open preachyng, or wordes onely, onlesse the partie offendor, or offendors, be therof accused, within .xxx. dayes, next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, so spoken or declared, yf the accusors shall fortune to be within this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes, next after thesayed offence committed, or doen. And yf the accusors shall happen to be out of this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes: then the partie, or parties so offendyng, shalbe accused, as is aforesaid, within sixe monethes, next after thesame preachyng, or wordes so spoke or declared: or els the partie or parties, so offendyng, their aydozs, comfortozs, abbettozs, and counsailozs, or any of them, not to be impeached, or put to answer for any suche offence, or offences: And that thesame accusation, or accusations, so to be had, made and declared, shalbe made to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the Peace, within the Shire, where thesame offence or offences, shall happen to be doen or committed: any thyng conteyned in this acte, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and bee it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that concelement, or keepyng secret any hygh treason, shalbe from henscfurth adiudged, deemed and taken, mispryson of treason, and the offendor therein, shall forfaitte and suffer, as in cases of mispryson, of treason, as heretofore hath bene vled: Any thyng aboue mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it declared & enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, to charge, or make any person, or persones, to be offendor, or offendors, in any of the articles abouesayed, for callyng, nampyng, sayyng, writyng, or printyng the frenche kyng, for the tyme beyng, by the name of the kyng of Fraunce, or frenche kyng: Any thyng aboue declared and enacted, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Provided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no persone, or persones, after the first daye of february nexte comyng, shalbe indicted, arraigned, condempned, or conuicted, for any offence of treason, petit treason, mispryson of treason, or for any wordes befoze

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before specified, to be spoken after the sayed firste daye of February, for which, the same offendour, speaker, offendours, or speakers, shal in any wise suffer any paines of death, imprisonment, losse, or forfaiture of his gooddes, cattalles, landes or tenementes: onlesse the same offendour, speaker, offendours, or speakers, be accused by twoo sufficiente and lawfull wittnesses, or shall willyngly, without violence, confesse the same.

An Acte for a Subsidy of tonnage and poundage of merchaundises, with a prouiso for the confirmation of the priuileges of the merchants of the Styllyarde, whiche prouiso shall indure but onely to the ende of this Parliament.

The. xiii. Chapter.



H their moste humble wylle shewen vnto your most excellent Maiestie, your poore Commons in thys your present Parliament assembled, that where as well your moste derest father of famous memozye King Henry the eight, as also your moste worthy graunde father King Henry the seuenth, and other your noble Progenitours Kinges of thys your realme of Englande, yme out of mynde, haue had graunted vnto them, and enioyed of the Commons of the same realme for the tyme beyng, by auctoritie of Parliament, for the defence of the same now your realme, and the keepyng and saupegarde of the seas, for the entercourse of merchaundys, safely to come into the same your realme, and to passe out of the same, certayn summes of money, named subsidies of all maner of goodes and merchaundyses, comyng in, or goyng out of the same your realme: And forasmuche as we your sayed poore Commons haue perceyued your Maiesties good fauor and wyl towards vs your sayed poore Commons, had aswell in the defence of vs, and thys your realme, agaynst your rebels the Scottes, as also the keepyng and sure defendyng of the seas agaynst all persones, intendyng the disturbance and inuasion of this your realme, and vs your sayed Commons to our greate comfozte and reioysyng, as cause requireth, and to your Maiesties greate costes, charges, and expenses, and also not doubtyng the sequelle of the same, yf nede shall require: Wee therefore your sayed poore Commons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desyre your excellent Maiestie, benignely and fauorably to take, accepte and receyue these our poore grauntes hereafter insuyng, as graunted of true hartes and good willes, whiche wee beare to your highnes, towards your sayed greate costes, charges and expenses, aswell heretofore expended and layed oute, as hereafter by your Maiestie for the causes aforesayed, when nede shall require, to bee expended and layed oute, as the firste fruytes of our good willes and hartes towards your highnes although the same do, or hereafter shall nothyng in effect countervayle your

your said costes, charges and expenses, whyche we be not habile fully to gratifie by any meanes. ffor the we your pooze Commons by the aduise and assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, in thys your pzesent parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, to the intent afore sayd, geue and graunt to you our sayd souereyn Lord, one subsidie called Tonnage, that is to say, of euery Tunne of wyne comming, or that shall, or is come into thys your realme, by waye of merchaundysse, the summe of .iii. s. and so after the rate: And of euery Tūne of swete wine, aswell Malmesey as other, that shall, or is come into thesame poure realme, by euery, or any merchaunt Alien, aswel by the merchautes of Haunle and Almain, as by any other merchaunt straungier, of what nation soeuer he be. .iii. s. and so after the rate, ouer and aboue the .iii. s. afore graunted: And of euery awne of Reynishe wine commyng, or that shall, or is come into thys your realme by way of merchaundise, by euery, or any merchaunt denison, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be. .xii. d. And also one other subsidie called Poundage, that is to saye, of all maner of gooddes and Merchaundyses, of euery Merchaunt Denison and alien whatsoeuer he be, caried and to be caried out of thys your sayd realme, or brought, or to be brought into thesame by waie of merchaundises, of the value of euery .xx. s. of thesame gooddes and merchaundises. .xii. d. and so after the rate. And of euery .xx. s. value of tynne and pewter besell caried out of this your Realme, by any a euery merchaunt alien .xii. d. ouer and aboue the .xii. d. afore sayd. Excepte all wayes and forpypled out of thys graunt of subsidy of Poundage, all maner of wollen clothe made and wrought, or that shalbe made & wrought wythin this your Realme of Englande, and by euery, or any merchaunt denison and not borne alien, caried, or to be caried out of this your sayd Realme, and all maner wolle, wolleselles, and hydes, and hackes of leather also caried, or to be caried out of thys your realme: and all wynges and all maner freshfish and bestiall, commyng, or that is, or shall come into thesame, your realme.

And further we your sayd pooze commons by the aduise, assent and aucthoritie afore sayd geue and graunt vnto you our sayd souereyne Lord, for the causes aboue reherfed, one other Subsidy of al maner of Woolle, Wolleselles and leather, caried, or to be caried out of thys your realme in maner and forme folowynge, that is to say, of euery merchaunt denison, of a for euery sacke of wolle. .xxiii. s. .iiii. d. And of euery .cc. cl. wolleselles. .xxiii. s. .iiii. d. And of a for euery last of hydes and hackes, of euery such merchaunt denison. .iii. s. .vi. s. .viii. d. And also of euery merchaunt straungier, not borne your liege man, aswell those that be made denisons, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes, or other wyse, as all other merchaunt straungiers, of and for euery sacke of wolle. .iii. s. .vi. s. .viii. d. And of and for euery .cc. cl. wolleselles. .iii. s. .vi. s. .viii. d. And also of euery last of hydes and hackes. .iii. s. .vi. s. .viii. d. And so of

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all thesayed wolles, wollefelles, hydes and backes, and euery of them after the rate that so is or shalbe varied: To haue, take, enioye and perceyue the Subsidies aforesaid, and euery of them, and euery part and percell of them to your highnes, from the fyrst day of your moste noble reygne, duryng your life naturall.

And further we your sayd poore Commōs moste humbly desire your maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your highnes, by the aduise and assent of the Lordes aforesaid, and vs your sayd Commōs, and by the foresayd auctoritie of this present parliament assembled, that the gyltes and grauntes aforesaid, shalbe good and effectuell; accordyng to the true meanyng of thesame. And that it maye bee further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any wines, gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles, hydes & backes of lether aforesayd, or other thynges aforespecified, wherof the subsidies aforesayd, or any of the, is or shalbe hereafter due, shall at any tyme hereafter duryng the tyme aforesayd, be shipped or put into any Boate, Crayer, Ship or vessel, to that intent to bee caried into the partes of beyonde the sea, or els be brought from the partes of beyond the sea, into any Port, Hauen, Creeke or other place of this your realme by waie of merchaundise, and there layed on lande, the Subsidy aforesayd of thesame, (Due or to bee due by reason of thys graunt) not payed; or the Collector of thesame subsidy not agreed wyth for thesame, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of these aforesaid grauntes, and euery of them: that then from the firste daye of Marche nexte comyng, and not before, all thesayed wynes, gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles, hydes and backes, and other the premises aforesaid, and euery parte and percell theof so shipped, or els put into any Boate, Crayer or other vessel aforesayd, to the intent aforesayd, or brought into this Realme, & there layed on lande, as is also aforesaid, shal remain forfait to your highnes, duryng the tyme aforesayd: the one moytie therof, or the value therof to your highnes; and the other moytie to hym or them that shall seaze thesame or sue for thesame. And that it maye please your highnes that all merchauntes, as well denizens as straungers, comyng into this your Realme, be wel and honestly intreated and demeaned, as they were in the tyme of your aforesaid noble progenitors, without oppression to them to bee doen, payyng the Subsidies abovesayd.

And further, that it be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles or lether aforesaid, or any part therof, of any merchaunt denison, naturally borne your lige man, whych shall passe out of thys your said realme, after the said first daye of Marche, duryng the terme of thys gylte and graunte, shall happen to be taken wth enemies or Pirates vpon the sea, or perished by infortune in any ship or shippes, that shall happen to be taken or perished wth in the tyme of thesaid graunt, wherof the Subsidies aforesaid, or any

of theim to your highnes due or to bee due, is, or shalbe in forme aforesaid duly payed or agreed for, without fraude or collusion, and suche losse or losses as been before rehersed, be founde and proued before the Threasorer of Englande, or the chief Baron of your Eschequer for the tyme being, by the examinacion of thesame merchauntes, if thei bee on liue, or of their executozs or administrators, if they bee dedde, or twoo true credible persones swozne, or other reasonable witnessses and profes swozne, witnesssing thesame merchaundises so to be lost or perished: that then thesame merchauntes denizons, that wer or shalbe owners of the aforesaid gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wolleselles, hides, or other merchaundises aforesaid, as shalbe so perished or lost, if they bee on liue, or their executozs and administrators, if they be dedde, and euery of theim, by force and vertue of this Acte when theim liketh, during the sayd terme, shall mowe ship asmuch wolles, wolleselles, hydes or other merchaundise in thesame Port or Portes, in whyche thesame wolles, wolleselles, hides or other gooddes and merchaundises aforesayde, so lost and perished, were or shalbe shipped without any of the Subsidies aforesaid, now graunted, to be had or payed therfore to you in any wise and that all suche profes of the premises so too be lost or perished, bee certified into your Chauncery, by your sayd Threasorer or chief Baron there to remayn of Record, and after such certificat made, the Chaunceloz of England, or the lord keeper of your great seale, for the tyme being do make and deliuer vnto the sayd merchauntes, their executozs or administrators, or any of the, or to their attorney or attorneys in that behaulfe, or any of them, asmany and suche writtes and warrauntes, to be directed alwell to the Collectozs of the Subsidies aforesayd, or any, or euery of theim for the tyme being, as to the Threasorer and Barons of your Eschequer for the tyme being, as shalbe requisite and nedeful for the sayd merchauntes, their executozs or administrators, or their attorney or attorneys or any of them, or the sayd Collectozs or any of them, to haue for the obtaynyng, aswel of the shipping, as of allowance therof: And further that euery merchaunt denizon, that shall ship hereafter any wolles, wolleselles, hides, or any other gooddes and merchaundises in any Carricke or Galley, shall paye to your maiestie during the tyme aforesayd, all maner of Customes and all the Subsidies aforesayde, as any alien bozne out of this your Realme.

Provided alwayes, that no acte, statute or ordinaunce, had, made or to be made in this present Parliament, be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall vnto the merchautes of the Hanse in Almayn, hauyng the house in the cytie of London, commonly called Guylthalde Thewtonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or privileges to them or their predecessors before this tyme had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawfull vsages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme used, but that the sayd merchauntes and their successors, haue, holde and enioye all

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their sayde fraunchises, liberties and free vsages, accordyng to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agremences, as by the kyng and hys noble progenitors kynges of Englande haue bene agreed, made & graunted, and had to the sayde merchauntes or their predecessors, and accordyng to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, thesame merchauntes or any of them bee called or named: any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present parliament to the contrary notwithstanding: This present prouiso to endure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

20 An acte, whereby certain Chaunteries, Colleges, fre Chappelles, and the possessions of thesame, be geuen to the kynges Maiestie.

The. xiii. Chapter.



The kynges moste louyng subiectes, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, consideryng that a great part of supersticion and errors in Chyistian religiõ hath bene brought into the myndes and estimacion of men, by reason of the ignoraunce of their very true and perfecte saluacion, through the deathe of Iesus Chyist, and by deuising and phantasying vain opinions of Purgatory, and Masses satisfactorie, to be done for the, which be departed: The whiche doctryne and vain opinion, by nothyng moze is mainteined, and bpholden, then by the abuse of Trentalles, Chauntries, and other prouisions, made for the continuaunce of the sayd blindenes and ignoraunce: And further consideryng and vnderstandyng, that the alteracion, chaunge, and amendemēt of thesame, and conuerting to good and Godly vles, as in erectyng Grammer schooles to the educacion of youthe in vertue and Godlines, the further augmentyng of the vniuersities, and better prouision for the poore and nedy, cannot in this present parliament be prouided and conueniently doen, nor can not, ne ought to any other maner person be committed, then to the kynges highnes, whose Maiestie, with, and by the aduise of hys highnesse moste prudent counsaill, can and wyl moste wpsely, and beneficially, bothe for the honoz of God, and the weale of thys his maiesties realme, orde, alter, conuerte, and dispose thesame: And callyng further to their reynembraunce, that in the parliament holden at Westminster the. xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight, father to our moste dread and naturall souereigne lord the kyng, that now is: It was ordeined, enacted, and established emongest other thinges, that al and synguler Colleges, fre Chappels, Chaunteries, Hospitallles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Gylde, and other promociions, mentioned in the sayde foynner acte, had or made, to haue continuaunce

in perpetuities for ever, and then being, or that had, or ought to be contributory or chargeable to the payment of the first truptes and tenthes, according to the lawes and statutes in that behaulfe had and made, by what name, surname, degree, or corporation, they, or any of them, were founded, ordeined, established, erected, named, called, or known: and all and singuler the mansion, houses, manours, or tithes, gardens, landes, teneiments, pastures, wooddes, waters, rentes, reuercions, setuptions, coimons, tithes, pensions, porcions, churches, chapelles, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condicions, leetes, courttes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, ther apperteyning, or belongyng, or that did apperteyn or belong, or were assigned or appointed, to any such College, fre chapel, Chauntry, Hospital, Fraternitie, Brotherhed, guild, stipendary priest, or other thesaid promotions, or to any of them, or accepted, known, or taken as part, parcel or membre of them, or of any of them: and to thesaid Colleges, Chauntries, fre chapelles, hospitalles, fraternities, brotherhed, guild, stipendary priestes, or other promotions, or to any of the vnted, or annexed: whiche betwene the.iiii. daye of february, in the. xxvii. yere of thesaid late kynges reigne, & the. xxb. day of Decem: ber in the. xxxvii. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsiō, bargain, sale, feoffment, fine, recouery, lease, or other couenaunce therof made, were dissolued, determined or relinquished, by any of the waies, meanes, or conuilaunces, mencioned in thesaid acte, or otherwys, other then such of them, as then were in the possession of thesaid late kyng, or that were graunted, or assured by his licence, agreement, consent, or letters patentes, to any person, or persones, or then had been lawfully obtained, or recouered by any person, by any former right, or title, without fraude, or couyn, or by the kynges licence, should from thensfurthe by auctorite of thesame former acte, be aduadged and demed, and also be in the very actual and reall possession and leason of thesaid late kyng, and of his heires & successors for ever: in as large and ample maner, as thesaid priestes, wardens, masters, ministers, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbentes, or any of them, or the patrons, donors, or foundors of them, or any of them at any tyme sythens thesaid fourth daye of february, in the. xxvii. yere aforesaid, had, occupied or enjoyed, or then had, occupied, or enjoyed thesame, and as though all and singuler thesaid Colleges, Chauntries, Hospitalles, fre Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other thesaid promotions, and thesaid manours, landes, teneiments, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they bee, and euery of them, had been in thesaid former acte, specially particularly, and certaynly reherfed, named, and expresse, by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporations, tytles, and faculties, and in theyr naturall kyndes and qualities: thesaid entrees, expulsions, bargaines, sales, tynes, feoffementes, recoueries, or other assuraunce, and conueighaunce whatsoe-

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uer they were, had, or made (excepte before in the former acte excepted)
 to the contrary notwithstandinge. And where also it was enacted and
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 sion, and Commissions, vnder his greate seale, to entre into all and syn-
 guler suche and asmany Chauntreys, free Chapelles, Hospitalles, Col-
 leges, and other the promotions mencioned in thesaied former acte and
 into all, & synguler such Manours, Manors, Houses, Messuages, Lan-
 des, Tenementes, Pastures, Wooddes, Waters, Rentes, Reuercions,
 Seruices, Possessions, and other Hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or into
 any parte, or percell thereof, in the name, seison, and possession of all the
 Hereditamentes, annexed, vnyted belongynge or apperteynyng to anye
 Chauntry, Hospitall, free Chapell, College, fraternitie, Brotherhedde,
 Gylde, or other thesaied promotions, or wherof any Priestes, Broou-
 stes, Gouernours, Rulers, or other Incumbentes of them, or any of them
 by what name, surname, degre, title, or Coporation they, and euery of
 theim, or any of theim were founded, erected, ordeyned, established, na-
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 haue or enioye, to thesaied Chauntreys, Hospitalles, free Chapelles,
 Colleges, fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, or other thesaied pro-
 motions, that then were chargeable to the payment of the firste frutes,
 and Tenthes: and all Colleges that were chargeable, or not chargeable
 to thesaied payment of the first frutes and tenthes, as is aforesayd, or
 to any of them, as should be named, expessed and appoynted in thesaied
 commission or commissions: and to seise and take thesaie Chauntreys,
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 missions, and in euery of theim, and euery parte, percell, and membre of
 thesame, into the kynges possession and handes: to haue and to hold the
 same to thesaied late kyng, and to his heires and successours for euer, as
 by thesaied former acte, enoughest other thynges, moze at large appereth:
 it is now ordeyned, and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with
 the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliamente as-
 sembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all maner of Colleges,
 free Chapelles, and Chauntreys, haupng, beyng, or in esse, within thre
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 not in actual and reall possession of thesaied late kyng, nor in the actuall
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also all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, wyll, deuise, or ootherwysse, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen, assigned, limited, or appoynted, to the findyng of any Priest, to haue continuaunce for ever: and wherewith, or wherby, any Priest was susteyned, mainteyned, or found, within fyue yerres nexte before the first Daye of this present parliamēt, whiche were not in the actual and reall possession of the said late kyng, nor in the actual and reall possession of our soueraigne lord the kyng that now is: and also, all annual rentes, profytes, and emolumentes, at any tyme within fyue yerres next before the begynnyng of this present Parliament, employed, payed or bestowed, toward, or for the maintenaunce, supportacion, or findyng of any Stipendary priest, intended by any acte, or writyng to haue continuaunce for ever, shall, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, immediatly after the feast of Easter nexte comyng, be adiudged and demed, and also be in the very actual and reall possession and reason of the kyng our soueraigne lord, and his heires and successors for ever, without any office or other inquisition thereof to bee had or found, and in as large and ample maner and forme, as the Priestes, Wardes, Masters, Ministers, Gouvernors, Rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of them, at any tyme within fyue yerres next before the begynnyng of this present Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth the same, and as though all and synguler the said Colleges, free Chapelles, Chauntries, Stipendes, Salaries of Priestes, and the said Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and other the premises whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certaynly rehered, named, and expressed by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporations, titles, and faculties, and in their natures, kyndes, and qualittes.

And ouer that, bee it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Cithes, Pensions, Portions, Rentes, profytes, or other Hereditamentes, by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise, or ootherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to, or for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of one priest or of diuerse priestes, for terme of certayn yerres yet continuyng, and that any priest hath been mainteyned, susteyned, or found with the same, or with the reuenues, or profytes thereof, within .v. yerres laste past, that the kyng, from the said feast of Easter nexte comyng, shall haue and enioy, in euery behaulfe, for, and during all such tyme to come, euery such, and lyke thynges, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, profytes and emolumentes, as the priest or priestes, ought, or should haue had, for, or towarde his, or their maintenaunce, sustenaunce, or findyng, and for no lenger, or further tyme, nor for anye other profite,

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Provided alwayes, and it is ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that when and allone as the tyme assigned, for the mainteynaunce, sustentacion, or fyndyng of the priest or priestes shalbe expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euerye person, and persones, to whom any manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, portions, pencions, rentes, and other hereditamentes, or any of them, should haue belonged or apperteigned, if thesaid former acte and this act had neuer been had or made, to entre into, take, perceyue, haue, and enioy the same, without any maner of leucry, ouster le mayne, petition, or other suyte to be made to the kyng, in lyke maner, forme, and condicion, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as though thesaid former acte and this acte, had neuer been had, or made, and as though the kyng had neuer had any feason or possession therof: Any thyng in thesaid former acte, or in this acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kyng, our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, from thesaid feast of Easter nexte comyng, shal haue, hold, perceyue, and enioy for euer, all landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, whiche by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, will deuise, or other wyse, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowe- leged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to go, or bee employed wholy to the fyndyng, or mainteynaunce of any Anniversary, or Obite, or other lyke thyng, entent, or purpose, or of any lyght or lampe, in any Church or Chapell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath been kept or mainteyned, within fyue yerres next before thesaid first day of this present Parliament.

And also, that where but part of the issues or reuenues of anye manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, hath by any of the wayes or meanes abouesaid, been geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to bee bestowed or employed, to the fyndyng or mainteynaunce of anye Anniversary or Obite, or other lyke thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any lyght or lampe, in any Church, or Chapell, & to haue continuaunce for euer: that then oure soueraigne lord the kyng, shall, from thesaid feast of Easter nexte comyng, for euer haue, perceyue, and enioy, euerye suche summes of moneye, that in any one yere within fyue yerres nexte before the first daye of this present Parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the fyndyng or mainteynaunce of anye suche Anniversary, or Obite, or other lyke thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any lyght or lampe, to him, his heires, and successours, for euer, as a rent charge to bee payed perely, at the feastes of sainte Michael, Tharchaungell, and Chan- nunciation of oure Lady saint Mary the Virgyn, by euerye portions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions, & reuenues of his crowne, or in any other Court, or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoint.

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And that it shalbe lawfull to our sayde souereigne lord the Kyng, hys heires, and successors, for none payment of any suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in the sayde Manours, landes, & tenementes, of the issues and reuenues, wherof the sayde Anniversarie or Obite, or other lyke thyng, or any suche light or Lampe was founde, susteyned, or mainteyned. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vpon any of the premises, wherof any of the said yerely rentes, or summes of money should be paid by the space of one moneth nexte after, that any of the said rentes should be paid, and be not paid within the sayd moneth: that then it shalbe lawfull, to, and for our souereigne lord the Kyng, hys heires and successors, by vertue of thys present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possede, as muche of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof the sayd rent or rentes, should be leuied or paid, as the rente or rentes that should be leuied or paid out of the same, dooth or shall amounte or come to, in yerely value, and the same landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to holde, and kepe, and haue to our sayde souereigne lord the Kyng, his heires, & assignes for euer, or for such estate, as our souereigne lord the Kyng, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the sayd rent or rentes.

And also it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that our souereigne lord the Kyng, shall, from the sayde feast of Easter nexte commynge, haue, perceyue, and enioye all and singular suche summes of money, proffites, commodities and emolumentes, whiche by vertue of any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, composition, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue bene geuen, assigned limited, or appoynted, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche in anye one yere, within fyue yeres nexte before the begynnyng of thys present Parliament, haue bene payed, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of Corporacions, Guildes, fraternities, Companies, or felowshippes of Mysteries or Craftes, or any of them, beyng in Englande, Wales, and other the Kynges Dominions, or by the Masters, Wardens, Gouernours, or other Officers, or Ministers, or by the Master, Warden, Gouernour, or other Officer or Minister of them, or anye of them, towarde or aboute the findyng, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of any Anniversarie, or Obite, lampe, light or lightes, or other lyke thyng, as is aforesayd, to our sayd souereigne lord the Kyng, hys heires, and successors for euer. To be paid yerely, as a rent charge, at þe feastes of saint Michael Tharchaungel, and the Annunciation of our Lady, by euen porcions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions, and reuenues of his Crowne, or in any other Courte or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne lord the Kyng, his heires, and successors, for none paymente of any suche summe, or summe of money, proffite, commoditie, or emolument, or for none payment of any of them, to distreine in all the Ma-

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And furthermore be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynge our soueraine lord, shall, from the sayde feast of Easter nexte commynge, haue, and enioye to hym, hys heires and successours for euer, all Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Gylde, beyng wythin the Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kynges Dominions: and all Manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, belonging to them or any of them, other then such corporations, Gylde, Fraternities, Companies, and felowshippes of Mysteries or craftes, and the Manors, Landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, perteynyng to the sayde Corporacions, Gylde, Fraternities, Compaignies, and felowshippes of Mysteries or Craftes aboue mencioned: And shall, by vertue of thys acte, bee iudged and demed, in actuall and reall possession of our sayde soueraine Lord the kynge, hys heires and successours, from the sayde feast of Easter nexte commynge for euer, without any inquisitions or Office, therof to be had or founde.

And also be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that our sayde soueraine lord the kynge, hys heires, and successours, at hys, and their will and pleasure, maye directe hys, and their Commissions and Commission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to such persones, as it shall please hym: And that the same Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of thys acte, and of the sayde Commission, as well to Suruey all and synguler Laye Corporacions, Gylde, Fraternities, Compaignies, and felowshippes of Mysteries, or Craftes incorporate, and euery of them, as all other the sayd Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Gylde, wythin the lymites of their Commission, to them directed: And all the Euidences, Composicions, Bookes of Accomptes, and other writynges of euery of them, to the intent thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges, was paid, or bestowed to the finding or maintenaunce of anye Prieste, or Priestes, Anninerlarie, or Obite,

or other lyke thynge, Light or Lampe, by theim, or any of theim: As also to inquire, searche, and trye, by all suche wayes and meanes, as to theim shalbee thoughte meete, and conueniente, what Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, Profittes, Commodities, Emolumentes, and other thynges, bee geuen, limited, or appoynted, to oure sayed souereygne Lorde the Kyng by thys acte, wyth- in the limites of thes Commission. And also that thesame Commission- ers, or twoo of theym at the leaste, by vertue of thys acte, and of the Commission to theym directed, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to assygne, and shall appoynte in euery suche place, where Suplde, fraternitie, the Wyllle, or Incumbente of any Chauntrey in esse, the fyrste daye of this present Parliamente, by the foundation, Ordynance, or fyrste Institution therto, shoulde, or oughte to haue kepte a Grammer schoole, or a Preacher; and so hath dooen, sythen the feast of Sainte Michaell the Archaungell laste paste, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, of euery suche Chauntrey, Suplde, and fraternitie, to remayne, and continue in succession to a schoole Master, or Preacher for euer, for, and towarde the keepyng of a Grammer Schoole, or Preaching, and for suche Godly intentes, and purposes, and in suche maner and fourme, as thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall assygne or appoynte: And also to make and ordeyne a Vicare, to haue perpetuities for euer, in euery Parische Church the fyrste daye of thys presente Parliamente, beyng a College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, or appropriated, annexed, or vnyted, to any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, that shall come to the Kynges handes by vertue of thys acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficiently, hauyng respecte to hys Cure and charge, thesame endow- mente to bee to euery suche Vicar, and to his successors for euer, with- oute any other licence or graunte of the Kyng, the Bishoppe, or other Officers, of the Diocesse. And also thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall haue aucthoritie by force of thys acte, to as- signe in euery greete Towne, or Parische, whete they shall thynke neces- sarie, to haue no Priestes then one, for the ministring of the Sacra- mentes, wythin thesame Towne, or Parische, Landes, and Tenementes, belongyng to any Chauntrey, Chapell, or Stipendary Prieste, be- yng wythin thesame Towne or Parische, the fyrste daye of this presente Parliamente, to bee to suche persone, and persones, as thesayed Com- missioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, shall assygne, or appoynte to contynue in succession for euer, for, and towarde the sufficient syn- dyng, & mayntenaunce of one, or mo Priestes, wythin thesame Towne or Parische, as by thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of theym, shalbee thoughte necessarie or conueniente. And also well to make Ordynances and Rules, concernyng the seruice, vsage, and demeanour of euerye suche Prieste, and Schoole Master, as is aforesayd to bee appoynted,

ted, as also, by what name, or names, he and they, shall from hence
furthe be named and called: And also that the sayed Commissioners,
or two of theym at the leaste, shall haue full power, and auctoritie,
by vertue of this acte, and of the sayed Commission to theym directed,
to assigne aswell to every Deane, Master, Warden, Prouoste, and o-
ther Incumbente, and Minister of any of the sayed Colleges, free
Chapelles, or Chauntries, beeyng wythin the limites of the sayd Com-
mission, whiche hereafter shall be dissolved, or determined by vertue of
this acte, as to euery Stypendary Prieste, and other Priests, whose
Salarye, the Kyng shall be intituled vnto, by this acte, as to euery fe-
lowe and poore persone, hauyng yerely reliefe, out of any of the sayed
Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntries, beeyng wythin the limites of
the sayd Commission, suche seuerall yerely Annuities, Pensions, or other
recompenses, during theyr seuerall lyfes, as to the same Commis-
sioners, or to two of theym, shall be thought meete and conueniente. And
ouer that the sayed Commissioners, or two of theym at the leaste, shall
haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the
Commission to theym directed, to inquire and trye, by suche wayes and
meanes as they shall thinke mete, and conuenient, what money, profyte
and benefite, any poore persone, or persones, by vertue of any conuey-
gance, assurance, composition, wyll, deuyle, or other wyse, heretofore
had, or made, intended, or meante to haue continuance for euery
had, or enioyed, wythin five yeres, nexte before the begynnyng of this
present Parliamente, oute of any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye,
and other the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng, by
this acte, beeyng wythin the limites of their Commission: And thereu-
pon, to make assignementes and orders, in suche maner and forme, as
all and synnguler suche sayed money, profyte and commoditie, shall be
payed to poore people for euery: Accordyng to suche sayed assurance,
composition, wyll, deuyle, or other thyng, had, or made for the same, and
to assigne and appoynte, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamen-
tes, parcel of the premises, for the mainteynauce, and continuance of
the same for euery, and also to appoynte to fraternities, Brotherhed-
des, and Gylde, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, parcel
of the premises, towards, or for the mainteynauce of Piers, Jetties,
walles, or Bankes, agaynst the ragges of the sea, Dawns, and Creekes.
And that all and synnguler Annuities, Pensions, and other recompen-
ses, shall be haillfe yerely payed to the persones, to whom the same ought
to be payed by the Kynges Receyuer, for the tyme beeyng, of his Landes
commonly called the suppressed landes, or other his Reuenues, lying in
the Countye of Wyche, where such College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye,
or other the premises, geuen, limited or appoynted to the Kyng, by this
acte, the first day of this present Parliament, were, or remayned, without
any fee, or reward, theretofore to be payed: The first payment to beyn at

at the feast of saynt Michael the Archangel next comming. And that every such receiuer, vpon his accompte, shall haue full and due allowance, of all such Annuities, Pensions, and other recompenses, by him payed, by vertue of any suche assignement to be made, by the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd Commissioners, and every of them, that shall take vpon him the execution of any the sayd Commissions, shall be bounde, as he will aunswere before God, to execute the Commission, to him and other directed, beneficially towards the Deanes, Masters, Wardens, Prouostes, and other Incumbentes, and Ministers aforesayd, and towards the poore people, concerning the sayd assignementes, and also towards the maintenance of Rivers, Fittyes, Walles, or Bankes, agaynst the ragges of the sea, Haues, and Crekes: And that all maner of assignementes and ordinaunces to be made, by the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least, and certified vnder their seales, or the seales of two of them at the least, into the Kinges Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of hys crowne, or to anye other Courte, or courtes, by the Kinges Maiestie to be made, or assigned, shall, by vertue of this acte, and of the sayd Commissions, be as good and effectual in the law to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as though the same had bene assigned and ordeined by auctoritie of this present parliament, by expresse and apte wordes, termes and sentences.

Provided also, that such Annuities, Pensions, or other recompenses, that the sayd Commissioners, or any of them, shall assigne or appoynte to be payed perely, to any such Deane, Master, Warden, Gouernour, or other Incumbent, fellow, or minister, shall not extende to anye more clere perely value, then such Deane, Master, Warden, Prouoste, Gouernour, or other Incumbent, fellow, or minister, or hys predecessor, lawfully had, or emoyed in money, meate, drinke, liuery, or allowance of the same perely, within fyue yerres, next before the beginninge of this present parliament.

Provided also, that if any of the sayd Masters, Wardens, Prouostes, Gouernours, or other Incumbentes, fellow, or ministers, shall at any tyme hereafter, during hys lyfe, be promoted by the King, to any benefice, or other spirituall promotion, being of a better clere perely value, then hys sayd Annuity, or Pension, or other recompense shall be of: that then the Annuity, Pension, or other former recompense, that any suche Deane, Master, Warden, Gouernour, or Prouoste, or other Incumbent, fellow, minister, that so shall be promoted, shall haue shall immediately after such promotion had, cease, and utterly determine.

And be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least, to whom any Commission, by vertue of the meane of this acte, shall be directed

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and deliuered, shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, euery of them of a hundreth poundes, to make certificat vnder their Seales, or the Seales of two of them at the leaste, into the sayd Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of the Kynges crowne, or into anye other courte, as is aforesayd, within one yere nexte after the Commission to them directed, of all Mannours, landes, teneimentes, rentes, tithes, Portions, pensions, hereditamentes, and recompeses, by thesame Commissioners or two of them, assigned or appoynted to anye of the vses, intentes, or purposes aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordeyned and enacted, by thauthoritie of this presente parliament, that our soueraigne lord the Kyng shal haue and enioye, all suche gooddes, Cattalles, Iuelles, Plate, Ornamentes, and other moueables, as were, or be the common gooddes, of euery such College, Chauntrye, Freechappell, or stipendarye priest, belonging or annexed to the furniture or seruyce of theyr seuerall foundations, or abused or any of the sayd Corporations, in the abuses aforesayd, the propriety wherof was not altered nor chaunged before the viii. daye of Decembre, in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xlvii.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all such debtes, and summes of money, as oughte, or shoulde, without fraude or couyn, hereafter be payed of the moneye or gooddes of any of the sayd Colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any contracte, specialtie, or promes, had, or made, before thesame. viii. daye shal truly & fully be payed by the Tresaurour of the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations, and reuenues of hys crowne, or by the Tresaurour or receyuer of any other Courte, to whiche anye of the pzenissles shalbe appoynted, of the Kynges Treasure, beyng in his, or their handes, with as conuenient speede, as thesame maye be payed.

Provided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that thys Acte, or any article, clause, or matter conteyned in thesame, shal not in any wyse extēde to any College, Hostell, or Hall, beyng within either of the Uniuersities of Cambrydge and Oxforde, nor to anye Chauntrye founded in anye of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halls, beyng in thesame Uniuersities, nor to the Freechappell of saint George the martyr, situate in the Castel of Wyndesore, nor to the College, called saynt Marye College of Winchester, beynges Winchester of the foundation of Bishoppe Wykeham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the Parische Church, commonly called the Chappell in the Sea in Newton within the Isle of Elpe, in the Countye of Cambrydge, nor to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to them, or to anye of theim perteynyng or belongyng, nor to anye Chappell made, or ordeyned, for the ease of the people, dwelling distant from theyr Parische Church, or suche lyke Chapel, wherunto nomore Landes, or tenementes, then the Churchyard, or a litle house,

or Close both belöge or pertygne, nor to any cathedral Church, or College, where a Bishoppes sea is, within this Realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the Mannours, landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamētes of any of them, other then to such Chauntries, Obites, lightes & Lampes, or any of them, as at any tyme, within. v. yeres next before the beginning of this present Parliamēt, haue bene had, vled, or mainteyned, within the sayde cathedral Churches, or within any of them, or of the Pflues, reuenues, or profittes of any of the sayd cathedral Churches, to which Chauntries, Obites, lightes, & Lampes, it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Acte shall extende.

And it is ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that our souereigne lord the Kyng, at any tyme, durynge his lyfe (which God lōg preserve) may at hys will & pleasure, alter & chaunge the name or names of all and singuler Chauntries, & the foundatiōs of the same, beyng in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles of any of þ sayd Uniuersities, accordyng as to his godly wisdom shalbe thought mete & conuenient,

Sauynge to all and every persone and persones, bodyes politique & corporate, theire Heires, and Successours, and the Heires and Successours of euery of them, other then the Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priestes, Incumbentes, felowes, & Brethren of the sayde Colleges, Chauntries, Frechappelles, and other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng by thys Acte, and the Successours of them, & euery of them: & other then such as be, or pretende to be Foundours, Patrones, or Donors of the premisses, or any of them, or of any parte, or percell therof, & the Heires, Successours, and assignes of euery, or any of them: And other then such, as be, or were Feoffees, Recoueyers, Conuisees, Graunteres, or Deuisees, of any of the premisses, to, or for any of the vles, purposes, or intentes aboue mencioned, or to þ vse of any of the sayde Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted by this Acte to the Kyng, or to the intent to employe the Reuenues or profittes thereof, to the vls of the Masters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Ministers of them, or of any of the same: And other then suche person & persones, & bodyes politique and corporate, theire Heires, Successours, and assignes, as claime, or pretende to haue any estate, right, title, interest, vse, possession, or condition, of, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or percell therof, by reason of any Feoffment, fyne, bargayne, and sale, or by anye other wayes, meanes or conueyghaunce, to them made of any estate of inheritaunce, without the sayd late Kynges licence, assente, consente, or agrement, & without the licence, assent, consent, or agrement of the Kynges Maiestie that nowe is, by any of þ sayde Deans, Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priestes, or Incumbentes, or by the Foundours, Donors, or Patrones of them, or of any of them, all such right, title, clayme, possession, interest, rētes, annuities, comodities, commōs, offices, fees, leases, lye-

ries, liuynges, pentiones, portions, debtes, duties, & other profittes, which they, or any of the lawfully haue, or of righte ought to haue, or myghte haue had, in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to any parte or percell therof, in such lyke maner, fournie, & condicion, to all entetes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made and as though the sayd Chauntries, Colleges, and other the sayd promotions, had still continued & remayned in their full being: And sauing to all & euery Patrone, Donour, Foundour, or Beuour of any such College, Chauntre, Frechappel, Stipendarye Priestes, & other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted, to the Kyng by this acte, & the donors, Feoffors, & geuer of the aforesayd landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes to them, or any of them, or to any bles, or purposes before mencioned, all such rentes, seruices, rentes secke, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profittes & offices: and also leases for terme of lyfe, lyfes, & peres, wherupon & accustomed rente, or more, is reserued, as they, or any of theim lawfully had, percepued, and enioyed, in, out, or of any the sayd promotions, or out of any of the sayd landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, before the first daye of this present Parliament.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all & euery person, & persones, beinge in lyfe, which haue, or hath for any summe of money to him, or them paid, bargayned or solde, any Mannours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes aforesayd, wherinto the Kyng our soueraigne lord is intituled by vertue of this Acte, shall repaye to such person, as so bought anye of the sayde Mannours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or to hys Executours, or assignes, by a requeste therfore made, or within thre monethes then next ensuyng the same requeste, as muche money, as he, or they recepued for the sale of the thynge, so by hym or theym solde. And for none payment therof, such person and persones as purchased, or bought the sayd landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or anye percell therof, and their Executours, and Administratours, shalbe enabled by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, to sue and mainteyne an action of Debte, at the common lawes of this Realme, agaynst such persone, or persones, as so bargayned or solde to him, or them, or to their Testator any of the premisses, belonging to any College, Chauntre, Frechappel, or other promotion spiritual: in which actiō of Debte, none esoyne, protection or wager of law shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery of the sayd Chauntries, Colleges, & Frechappels, & other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng by this Acte, and al the Mannors, Houses, Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessiones, & hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoever they be, geuen, limited, & appoynted to the Kyng by this Acte, and euery parte and percell of them, which, by auctoritie & vertue of this Acte, bene vested, adiudged, and demed,

denied, or shalbe in the kynges Maiesties possession & haues; or whiche the sayng shalbe entayled vnto by vertue of this acte, shalbe in & order Shewen a gouernaunce of oure soueraine lord the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions and reuenues of his crowne, or in such other Courte, as the kyng at any tyme hereafter shal assigne, name, or appoynte, & so shal, & may be graunted, letten and let to farme by the Chauncellour officers, & ministers of the same Courte, or of any other Courte so to be appoynted, in such maner and forme, as other Mannours, landes, tenementes, appoynted to the same Courte of Augmentacions, and reuenues of his graces crowne, or other Courte so to be appoynted, bene to be graunted or letten. And that all the farmes, pillues, Regimies and profittes, comyng and growinge of the same premisles, & of every parte therof, shalbe taken & receyued to the kynges vse, by the officers, & ministers of the same Courte, or Courtes, in suche maner & forme, as is vsed & had of other Mannours, landes, and tenementes, & of the pillues, reuenues & profittes of the same, committed to the order, rule, shewen, & gouernaunce of the sayd Courte of the Augmentacions and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other Courte so to be appoynted: ane Acte, Statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that if any of the sayd Masters, Wardes, ministers, rulers, gouernours, Prioues, incumbentes, or owners of any such College, Chauncery, frechappel, or of any the premisles, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng by this Acte, or of any of them, sythens the xxiii. daye of Nouember, in the xxxviij. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng, haue made any lease, vnder his, or their common Seale, or otherwys, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyfes, of theyr sayd Colleges, Chaunceries, frechappels, or of other the same premisles, or of any parte therof, or of any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, to them, or to any of them vntied, or annexed, belonging, or apperteyning, vpon the whiche leases, the vsuall & olde rentes & farmes, accustomed to be yelden & reserued, or moze, by the space of xx. yeres next before the sayd xxiii. daye of Nouembre not reserued & yelden, shalbe vtterly voyde, & of none effecte: And that all other leases, & grauntes, heretofore made of anye the premisles, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng, by this Acte, shalbe as good, auailable, & effectual in the law, to all ententes, constructiōs and purposes, as if this Acte had neuer bene had or made, any thing in this Acte, or any other Acte heretofore had or made, to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provyded alwayes, and be it further ordeyned & enacted, by the authoritie aforesayd, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, which the sayd Masters, Wardens, ministers, Chauncery

Priestes, Incumbentes, or other the sayd governours, officers, ministers or rulers of the premises, or of any of them, hath, or is, or hereafter shall haue, or be possessed, pleased of in fee simple, fee tayle general or special, for terme of yfe, terme of yeres, or otherwyle, to his, or theyr alone proper blessing, by inheritaunce, or purchase: And not being at any tyme united, or annexed, to his, or theyr sayd Colleges, frechappels, Chauntries, or other the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng by this Acte: Nor shall extend to any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, rentes, annuities, or pecyall pension, or pensions, or to any pecyall summe, or summes of money, being not united, or percell of any the sayd Colleges, and other the premises aforesayd, or of any of them heretofore geuen, or graunted by the sayd late kyng, or geuen, or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, to any of the sayd Deanes, Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Chauntrey priestes, incumbentes, governours, or rulers of the premises, or of any of them, for terme of yfe only, vnder his great Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, & reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other of the kynges Seales, of any of his Courttes: any thyng conteyned in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyle notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaye, & be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that aswell, all, & euery Patron, Donor, Founder, & geuer of any of the sayd promotions, or premises, or geuer, Donor, or felloz, of any their landes, tenementes, possessions, or other hereditametes, as all, & euery persone and persones, bodyes politique & corporate, which before the making of this Acte, lawfully, without fraude, or couyn, had, or enioyed, any maner of rente, or other pecyall profittes, to be taken, perceyued or had, of any Chauntries, Colleges, frechappels, or other the premises, geue, limited, or appoynted, to the kyng by this Acte, or out of any Mannours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions of them, or any of them, shall haue, & enioye thesame, in lyke manner & fourme, as they shoulde, & ought to haue done, if the sayd Colleges, Chauntries, frechappelles, & other the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng by this Acte, had stil remayned & continued in esse, & full being: any thyng in this Acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wyle notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any suche governour, ruler, Wardens, Master, Incumbente, Minister, or other, haupnge any of the sayde spirituall promotions, or Incumbentes, haue, or shall compounde, for the fyrr fructes of any suche spirituall promotions, accordyng to the lawes, & Statutes of this realme and the dayes of payment, of anye parte thereof, not expyred before the fyrr day of this Parliament, that all summes of money so to be due & payable, sithens the sayd fyrr day of this Parliament, shall cease, and be not payed, asked, or demaunded: any bonde, recognisaunce, suertie, or other

other thyng, had or made, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all such Rentes, Services, Issues, Profytes, and other Summes of money, payable out of, or for any of the premises, or any of them, in the Kinges Courte of his Exchequer, shall continue, and be continual-lye and perelye leuyed, charged, or payed, in the same Courte, in such manner and forme, as heretofore hath bene used: anye lawe, Custome, brittle of possession in the Kinges highnes, or other thyng to the contrary notwithstanding: And as though the sayd promotions, Mannours, landes, tenementes, and other the premises had not come to the Kinges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and every letters patentes, made by the sayde late Kyng Henry the eyght, or by the Kinges Maiestie that now is, or hereafter to be made by his highnes to anye person or persones, or to anye Archebyschoppe, or Byschoppe, of any of the sayde Colleges, Chauntries, freechappels, or other the premises, or any parte or percell of them, or of any Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, belongyng, or apperteynyng, or that dyd belong, or apperteigne to them, or to any of the: And al fy-nes, Giftes, Grauntes, Feoffementes, Recoueries, & all other assuraunces, and conueighaunces therof had, or made, by the assente, consente, or licence, vnder the great Seale of Englande, or the sayde late Kyng Henry the eyght, or of the Kinges Maiestie that now is, to any person, or persones, bodyes politique or corporate, by any Chauntrie Priests, Masters, Wardens, Ministers, ruler, govermour, or other, hauyng any of the sayd promotions, of any of the sayd Colleges, Chauntries, freechappels, or other the premises, or of any of them, or of any parte, percell, or membre of the same, shall stande and be in their forces, and effectes, and shalbe good and effectuell in the law, for such estates and interestes, geue, graunted, limited, or appoynted, in any of the giftes, grauntes, assuraunces, or conueyghaunces therof had, or made, accordyng to their purportes, forme & matter, and accordyng to the true intet and meanyng of the same assuraunces, and shalbe by auctoritie of this Acte good, perfect, and auayleable, as well agaynst the Kyng, his heires, and Successours, as agaynst the sayde Chauntrie Priests, Wardens, Masters, Rulers, Gouvernours, and other hauyng any of the sayd promotions, and their Successours, and the Successours of every of the: as also agaynst the foundors, Donors, and Patrones of the same, & the ordinarie of the, and every of them, and the heires, & Successours of every of them: any law, statute, ordinaunce, or other thyng, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And where dyuers and sundry Byschoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasourours, Prebendaries, Chauntie priestes, Masters, Pro-uostes, rulers, Gouvernours of any Deaneries, Archdeaneries, Treasourourshippes,

laurourshippes, Prebendes, frechappels, Chaunteryes, or Colleges, within this Realme of England, & other the Kynges Maiesties Dominions, or any of the patrones, foundors, donors of any of the Bishopricches, Treasaurourshippes, Deaneries, Chauntries, frechappels, or other the sayd Spiritual promotiōs, of their volūtarie willes, or myndes, for diuers good & reasonable causes & consideratiōs, by dede or dedes enrolled, or by other writtinges, or conueyghaūces, haue heretofore geuen & graunted to the late Kyng of famous memory, Henry the viii. late kyng of England, and to his heires, or to our souereigne lord the Kyng that now is, & to his heires, diuers of their Deaneries, Archdeaneries, Treasaurourshippes, Prebendes, Chappels, Chauntries, & Colleges, or any other Ecclesiastical or Spiritual promotiōs, laste before remembred: And all, or some parte of the Mannours, lādes, tenementes, tithes, pentiōs, annuities, rētes, reuertions, & other reuenues, hereditamentes, posselliōs, emolumentes & profittes, to thesame Bishopricches, Deaneries, Archdeaconries, Treasaurourshippes, Prebendes, Chappels, Chauntries, Colleges, and other lyke promotions, benefices, offices, and dignities, or to any of them, belongynge, apperteynyng, vnitēd, or annexed, or whiche the sayde Bishoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Chaūtyre Priests, Masters, Priouostes, Rulers, Gouernours, and other Ecclesiastical or spirituall officers, or ministers, or any of the sayd Patrones, Donors, or foundors, or any of them, had or enioyed in the right, or by reason of any of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery gyftes and grauntes, heretofore made to the sayde late Kyng, and to his heires, or to our souereygne lord the Kyng that now is, and to his heires, by any Archbishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Treasaurour, Prebendarie, Master, Priouoste, Gouernour, or other the sayd Ecclesiastical or spirituall person, or persones, or by any patrones, donor, or foundor of any of the sayd Deaneries, Chauntries, or other of the sayde spirituall or Ecclesiastical promotions, or of all, or any of the Mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuertions, pentiōs, portions, annuities, or other hereditamentes, Reuenues, emolumentes, profittes, or commodities, to any of the sayde benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belongynge, apperteynyng, vnitēd or annexed, or whiche any of thesame Archbishoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Masters, Priouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, officers, or ministers, patrones, foundors, or donors, had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue, or enioye, in the righte, or by reason or meanes of any of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good and effectuell in the law, to all ententes and purposes: Saunge to all and euery person, and persons, and bodyes politique and corporate, their heires, Successours,

cessours, and assignes, and to the heyres, Successours, and assignes of euery of them, other then the Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, Wardens, Broousters, Seruours, and grauntores of any of the Premisses, and their heyres, Successours, and assignes: And other then suche Ecclesiasticall or spirituall persones, bodyes politique or corporate, as are, or pretende to be foundors, donors, patrones, or ordinaries of the premisses, or any of them, all suche rightes, titles, interestes, claymes, entrees, rentes, reuertions, remainders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or any of them haue, or should, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses next aboue mencioned, or any parte therof, as if this acte had neuer bene had, or made: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende, to make good or effectuell, anye gyfte graunte, bagayne, sale or alienation, made by anye Person, or Vicare, of their personages, or Vicareages, or of anye parte or percell thereof, or of anye thyng, to them or anye of them belongynge or apperteynyng.

Provided also, that thys Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende, to hynder or prejudice George Brooke, knyght lord Cobham, hys heyres, or assignes, for, or concernyng the late College of Cobham, in the Countie of Kent, or the Mannors, landes, tenementes, or possessions therof: Any thyngs aboue mencioned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys present Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend, or be prejudiciall, or hurtfull to the generall corporation of anye Citie, Borrough, or Towne, within thys Realme, or any other the Kinges Dominions, ne shall extende to any the landes or hereditamentes of them, or any of them: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all suche of the sayde Colleges, frechappelles, Chauntries, and other the premisses, beyng appointed and geuen to the Kinges hyghnes, by the auctoritie of this acte, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, and all Mannors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, perteynyng, or belongyng to thesame Colleges, frechappelles, and chauntries, shall, after the sayde feast of Easter nexte commynge, be wythin the situate and order of the Courte of the Duchie of Lancaster, in suche maner and fourme, as other the premisses be assigned, or appointed by auctoritie of thys Acte, to be in the surueys and order of the Courte of the Augmentations and revenues of the Kinges Crowne, or other

or other Courte, by the kynge to be assigned: And that all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue and force of thys Acte, concerninge suche Colleges, frechappels, Chauntries, and other the premises, as be within the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe awarded vnder the great seale of England, and shalbe certified into thesame Courte of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thyng abovesayd, to the contrary in anye wyse notwithstanding.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys Acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to the College, or Chauntye of Aulbourgh, in the Countye of Norfolk, whiche the sayd late kynge Henry the eighth, gaue to Robert, late Earle of Suffex, and to hys heires: But that Henry, nowe Earle of Suffex, sonne and heire to the sayd late Earle, hys heires and assignes, shall, and maye, by the auctoritie of this Acte, haue and enjoy the sayd College, and Chauntye, and all Mannours, landes, tenementes, aduousons, tithes, pentiones, portions, & other hereditamentes therunto belonging, or apperteyninge: Any thyng in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided allwaye, and by the auctoritie aforesayde be it enacted, that the Kynges Maiestie, at any tyme, when it shall seme to hym good, maye geue auctoritie to certayne hys graces Commissioners, to alter the nature and conditiō of all maner of Obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxfourde, as in any other place, within this hys graces Realme of Englande, and Wales, beinge not suppressed, ne aduylitate by vertue of this present Acte, and thesame obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse: as to the relief of some poore men beinge studentes, or otherwise.

Provided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall not be lesfull to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, by reason of any Remannder, vse, or conditiō, to enter into, clayme or chalenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the non doing, not naming, or none finding of any such Priest, or prestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesayd, Obite, Anniuersarie, light, or lampe, from henceforth to be founden or done: any thyng herein cōteyned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided allwayes, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned shall in any wyse extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoever, that any Master, Deane, Prebendary, Warden, or Chauntye, or any Rypendary Priest of any College, Chauntye, Prebende, fraternitie, Guilde, or any other corporations, haue, or helde of any person, or persons, by copie of Courte Rolle, or at will, according to the custome of any Manor, or Manors: nor geue or graunt any copyholde landes, to the Kynges hyghnes.

And also provided, that the Kynges highnes, his heires, or Successours,

cessours, shall not in any wise haue, holde, enioye, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therein conteyned, anye manner of copiholde landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be: But that all, and euery of the sayde persons, and incumbentes, shall haue, holde, and enioye thesame, durynge their lifes, towardes their pention and yerely hyuynge: payynge the rentes, and doyng their customs and seruices, therof due and accustomed, anye thyng in thys acte, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided, that thys acte shall not extende to anye landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, assigned, appoynted, or intended for the findynge, or mayntenaunce of anye Chaunterye prieste, or stipendarie Priest, whiche by any former righte, and good title, without fraude or couyn, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any such Chaunterye prieste, or stipendarie prieste, before the firste daye of October, the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the. viii: whiche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were not charged, nor chargeable to the paymente of the perpetuall Tenth: Any thyng in thys acte, to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

Provided allwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler grauntes, licences, Confirmations, and letters patentes, whiche oure late souereygne lord kynge Henry the. eighth. or oure souereygne lord the kynge that now is, haue made vnder the great seale of Englande to any person, or persons, bodies politique or corporate, or anye College, Chapelle, or Chaunterye, now beyng in esse, or standynge, or now not beyng in esse, or not standynge, or of anye Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, annexed, vnted, belongynge or apperteynynge to anye College, Chapelle, or Chaunterye, now beyng in esse, or standynge, or now not beyng in esse, or not standynge, or of any other thyng, or thynges, mencioned, or expessed in thys acte: And all and euery matter and thyng mencioned, expessed or conteyned in any suche graunte, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from henceforth be demed, taken, expounded, and adiudged good and effectuell in the lawe, accordynge to the wordes, sentences, meanynge, ententes, forme and effectes of thesame grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thys acte, and the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the sayde late kynge Henry the. viii, had neuer bene had nor made. And that thys acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of our sayde late souereygne lord kynge Henry the. viii, or any clause, article, sentence, or other thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Colleges, Chappelles, Chaunteryes, or other thyng or thynges, mencioned in thys acte, now beyng in esse, or standynge, or now not beyng in esse, or not standynge, or to any Mannours, landes, tenementes,

nementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or apperteynyng to any College, Chappell, Chauntrye, or other thynge mencioned in thys acte, now beyng in esse, or standing or now not beyng in esse, or not standynge, or to anye other thynge, or thynge, mencioned or expresse in thys acte: whiche any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, haue had, or obteyned by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes, of the sayd late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is: Nor shall extende to anye Mannors, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thynge or thynge, mencioned, expresse or conteyned in any such licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes: But that euery suche person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and Successours, and assignes, and the heires, Successours, and assignes of euery of theim, shall haue, holde, and enioye, all and euery the same Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntries, Mannors, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, and hereditamentes, and all and euery other thynge and thynge whatsoeuer, so by them had or obteyned, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes of the sayde late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is, accordynge to the wordes, sentences, forme, effecte, meanynge and intente of the same licences, confirmations, grauntes, and letters patentes: thys Acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eighth, or anye clause, Article, sentence, matter, or thynge, mencioned, expresse or conteyned in any of the same Actes, to the contrarie thereof in anye wyse notwithstandinge.

God saue the Kyng.

EXCVSVM LONDINI,

IN AEDIBVS RICHARDI

GRAFTONI, TYPO-

GRAPHI REGII.

Anno salutis humane.

M. D. XLVIII.

Cum Privilegio ad Im-

primendum solum.

AN ACTE CONCERNING THE KIN-
GES MOOST GRATIOVS GENE-
RALL PARDON.



The Kynges moost royal Maiestie, right well perceauynge hys louyng subiectes, by many & sundry waies and meanes, to haue borne and susteyned the great aduentures, charges and busyness of wartes, and defences of this his Realme, aswell in the tyme of his moost dere father kyng Henry the VII. as in hys time & reigne, extending of his clemency and pitie, to gratifie his sayd subiectes, with his gracious fre and liberall Pardon, accordyng to his kyngly power, trustyng assuredly, that his sayde subiectes will continue his louyng and assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sorte obeye his highnes lawes and statutes, as to them, and euery of them, of right apperteyneth: is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, in maner & forme folowyng, that is to saye, thae all and euery of hys sayd subiectes, aswell spiritual as temporall, of this hys Realme of Englad, Wales, the Isles of Ferneley and Garneley, Barwyck, Calers, Gypsies, Hammes, Bolleyn & Bollonoyes, & the marches of thesame, the heires successors, executors & administrators of the, and euery of theim, and all & singuler bodyes, in any maner of wise corporate, Citties, Borroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapetakes, Townes, Villages and Tithynges, and euery of the, and the Successor, & Successors of euery of them, shalbe, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, acquyted, pardoned, released and discharged agaynst the Kynges hyghnes, hys heires, successors, and executors, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, herespies, felonies, robberies, offences, contempts, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forsaictures, penalties, & profits, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and al other thynges, causes, querelles, lutes, iudgements and execucions, which maye be, or can be, by hys highnes in any wyse, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the xxv. day of December, in the yere of our lord God a. M. CCCC. xlvij. Other then suche as hereafter in this acte be excepted or forpyssed, in suche maner and forme, & vnto suche tymes as they be excepted or forpyssed in thys acte: and other then suche as the clauses of prouiso, hereafter mencioned, doeth extende vnto. And also the kynges highnes, is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that this his sayde fre Pardon, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his said subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before reherfed, and to euery of them, by the sayde general wordes before reherfed, in all thynges, which

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be not hereafter in thys present acte, excepted or forpysed, as thesame Pardon should haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfeytures, causes, matters, lutes, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and al other thynges not hereafter excepted, nor cōteyned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene perticulerly, singulerly, specially, & plainly named, reherfed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite, to haue bene put in, and expresse in thys present acte of fre Pardon: and that hys sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executors, or administrators, of any of them nor any of the sayd bodies corporate, nor anye other persones, bodies polletique, or corporate before named, or any of the, be, nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, gooddes, lādes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, cōtempt, misdeameanor, forfeyture, trespassse, offence or any other thyng, suffered, done or committed against his highnes, his croune, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes and offences, as be reherfed in the exceptiōs and clauses of prouiso, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and forme, as in thesame exceptions and clauses of prouiso be mencioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vles, or presidēt heretofore had, made or vled, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Also the kynges highnes, of hys bounteous liberalite, by aucthorite of this present Parliament, graunteth and frely geueth, to euery of hys sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodies corporate & other before reherfed, and to euery of them, all suche gooddes, cattalles, debtes, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forfeyted, which to his highnes, do, or should belong or apperteign, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespassse, misdeameanor, matter, cause or querel, suffered, done, or cōmitted by the, or any of the, which be not hereafter forpysed, or excepted in thys present acte: and that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, & all & singuler bodies corporate, and other before reherfed, maye by hym or them selfe, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their attornei, or attornies, accordyng to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and minister this present acte of fre Pardon, for hys or their discharge, of, and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, geue or graūted, wout any fee or other thing, in any wise payng to any person, or persons, for writyng or entry of the iudgement, or other cause cōcernynge suche plea, writyng or entrie, but onely, xij. s. to be payd to the officier or clerke, that shall entre the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the discharge of any the partie so pleadyng thesame; any statute or vles, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

And furthermore, the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that
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it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament; that his said free pardon, by the general wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed and adiudged, allowed and taken, in all maner of courtes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of exceptions & forpyles specified in thys present acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes and sentences, mentioned & rehearsed in this his said free pardon, moost beneficially and auayleably, to all and singuler his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of theim, in all thinges ambiguous or doubtefull, and moost strongly in Barre, and discharge agaynst his highnes, his heires, successors and executors in euery thing, without any obstacle, challenge or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, objected, or alleged by the kynge our souereygne lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his, or any of their generall attorney, or attornies, or by anye person, or persons, for hys highnes, or any of hys heires, successors or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, p if any officer or clerke, of anye of his highnes courtes, commonly called the kynges Benche, chauncery and common place, or of his Exchequer, or anye other officer or clerke of any other court, within this Realme or in Wales, or other the kynges dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme, after the .xx. daye of January next commyng, which shalbe in the yere of oure lord God, a. D. CCC. lxxviii. make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other proccesse, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, whereby any of the said subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of the, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, summoned, or otherwise biered, inquyeted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, gooddes, or cattalles, or in any of the, for, or because of any maner of thyng pardoned or discharged, by vertue of thys Acte of fre pardon, he so offending, & therof lesfully condempned, shal yelde & pay for the recompence therof, to the partie so greued or offended treble damages, to be accompted, as partell of the damages and costes of the sute: and neuerthelesse, all and singuler suche writtes, proccesse, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or upon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by thys present acte of fre pardon, shalbe utterly voyde, & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forpysed out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of high treasons, petit treason, and misprision of treason, done, committed, or perpetrated; in any of the partes beyonde the sea, and all and al maner of treason, done, or committed in any other place, by anye person, or persones; by anye ouerseede, whereby any bodely hurt or harme shal come, or be done to the kynges onely person, and all sutes, punishmentes, executions, forspytures and penalties, for, or by reason, or occasio of any of thesame treasons, before excepted.

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And excepted all prepenſed and voluntary murders, and alſo except al
titles of actions, of quare impedit, all raiſſimētes, and withholding of
the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, and the profites of theſame, at
any tyme growen to the kynges handes, or to any of his noble progeni-
tors, and not yet diſcharged, at waſtes of the kynges wooddes, aſwel in
parkes, foreſtes, chaſes, & els where: & al ſummes of money graunted or
promiſed to be payed, by waie or meane of beneuolence, or contributio
not payed and cōtented: and all and ſinguler debtes, other then debtes
growen upon recogniſaunces, beyng already forfeited, for ſuertie of ſ
peace, good abearynge, or for none apparaūce at any daie or place. And
excepted and forpyſed out of this Wardon, al maner of accomptes, and
all actions, ſutes and impetitions for theſame, and all arerages of ac-
comptes and debtes, due for theſame. And alſo, excepted all hoimages,
lyuereys & relieſes, tentes, ſeruices and arerages of theſame, not done
or not paid. And alſo excepted al debtes, which were due to the kynges
highnes, or to the ſayd late kyng of famous memozy, kyng Henry the
viij. or to the late kyng Henry the. vij. or to any perſon, or perſons, to ſ
uſe of the kyng our ſouereygne lord, or of his ſayd father, or kyng Henry
the. vij. by any condemnation, recogniſaunce, obligacio, or otherwiſe.
And alſo, excepted al and ſinguler forfeitures, beyng due to our ſoue-
reigne lord the kyng, or to the ſayd late kyng, by any penall ſtatute or
ſtatutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or
by agreement of the offendor, and al forfeitures, and other penalties, &
profites, growen, or due by reaſon of any offence, or acte, committed, or
done, contrary to any ſtatute or ſtatutes, or contrary to the cōmon lawe
wherof any leaſure is made, or any information is geuen in the kynges
Exchequer, or any ſute there commenced, and nowe depending, and not
yet determined: Or wherof the kynges highnes, or hys ſayde father, by
byl aſſigned, or otherwiſe, haue made any gift or aſſignmēt, to any of ſ
ſeruauntes, of our ſayde ſouereygne lord the kyng, or of his ſayd father
or to any other perſon, or perſons.

Alſo, except and forpyſed out of this fre Wardon, al and al maner of
forgyng, counterfeiting, waſhing and clippynge of whatſoever money
or coyne, currant in this realme, and the bringynge into this realme, of
any falſe or counterfeited money or coyne, made, forged or counterfeited out
of this realme, and the uttering of any ſuch falſe, or counterfeited money
or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated ſithen the. xxvii. day of Janua-
ry laſt paſt, and all and all maner of offences, impetitions, puniſhmen-
tes, forfeitures, peynes of death, iudgements & execution for theſame.
And alſo, except and forpyſed out of this fre Wardon, all and ſinguler
fynes to be had, made or payed, by reaſon or meane of any alienacion,
had or made of any mānours, lādes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes
without licence, ſithen the ſaid. xxvii. daie of January. Alſo, except and
forpyſed out of this fre Wardon, all and all maner of Murtherers,
Burgularies,

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Burgularies, Robberies of any person, or persons, in any house, or nere any hygh waye, and wilfull burnynge of houses, and wilfull burnynge of Barnes, in which Barnes any corne was, at þe time of such burning: and all maner of rauylmentes of any woman, against her wil, all felonious takynge of any money or gooddes, out of any Church or Chappell, all and all maner of felonyous takynge of any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, and all maner of Pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: And all maner of punishmentes, impetitions, forseyntures, peynes of deathe, iudgements, and executions for thesame. And except and forpyrised out of this fre Pardon all and all maner of intrusions, had, made or done, sithen þe sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except & forpyrised out of this fre Pardon, all & al maner of deceptes and offences, of all and singuler Honeymers, and other officers, ministers and workemē, of, or in any of the Wyntes, within this Realme, and al impetitions and punishmentes for thesame. And except & forpyrised out of this fre Pardon, all and al maner of decatyng of any messuage, cotage or house, and the conuertynge of landes from tyllage vnto pasture, cōtraty to any statute heretofore had or made. And except and forpyrised the issues, reuenues & profittes of al and singuler suche messuages, cotages, houses, and landes, commynge, arysynge or growynge, sithen the sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except and forpyrised out of this fre Pardon, all and singuler collectors, and collector of any subsidy, sistene, beneuolente or contribution, and other persons, whatsoeuer that ought to be accomptant, and the heyres, executors and administrators of euery of them, of, for, & concernynge all maner of debtes, accomptes & arrearages of accomptes, and all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidies, and al maner of impetitions, and lutes for thesame. And except and forpyrised out of this fre Pardon, all and singuler persons and person, beyng the seconde daye of Decēber, in the yere of our lord God. M. CCCC. xlvi. prisoners, or prisoner, in the Courte of London, and all and singuler persons and person, which at any tyme, before thesame seconde day of Decēber, did flye out of this Realme, into þe parties beyōd the sea, for any treason, or suspicion of treason. And except and forpyrised oute of this free Pardon, all issues, fynes & amerciamentes assayed, taxed, set, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, extēdyng to the summe of. C. shillinges, or aboue. And that all, and singuler other fynes, as well fynes pro licentia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamētes, as well real as other, which seuerally or particularly extēde not to thesame summe of. C. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shyrieif, or not taken to hys charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether they be turned into debt, or not into debt, and not beyng leuied nor receaued by anye Shyrieif, or Shyrieifes, Bayliffe, mynisters, or other officers, shalbe fully, clerely, & plainly pardoned, and discharged
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agaynst the kyngs oure souereigne lord, hys heires and successors, for ever, by this present acte of fre pardon.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in case it be objected, to, or agaynst any Shyrie, or Shyries, or other accomptantes in the kynges courte of Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any Shyrie, or Shyries, or other officers accomptant, haue receaued or take any such fynes, issues or amerciametes, by this present acte pardoned & acquyted: that then every suche Shyrie & Shyries, and other accomptantes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned & acquyted therof by his or their othe, without any further tryal in that behaulfe.

Provided alwaye, that this present acte of fre pardon, nor any thing therein conteyned, in any wise extend to discharge, remit, or acquyte any person or persons, for any suche issues, fynes or amerciametes of one hundred shillings, or vnder, as any Shyrie heretofore haue accompted before the Barons of the kynges Eschequer, or els where, & payed thesame Issues, fynes, and amerciametes, vpon hys, or their sayde accompt, determined to the kynges vse, and haue hys or their Quietus est, for thesame.

Provided allwaye, and be it enacted by the auctorite of this present Parliament, that all and every person and persons, which haue tēded, or ought to sue for any out of the kynges hādes, of any Mannours, landes, tenementes and hereditametes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their livery and liveries, out of the kynges hādes, of his or their Mannours, landes, tenementes and hereditametes: any attelle, acte or actes, thyng or thynges, in this present acte of general and fre pardon, comprised and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull, to all and every clerke, and other officer of any of the kynges courtes, to award and make writtes of *Capias velagatum*, at the sute of the partie pleyntife, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendantes, to make answer to the pleyntife, at whose sute he was outlawed. And that every person, now being outlawed, shal sue a writte of *Scire facias*, agaynst the partie, or parties, at whose sute he was outlawed, before this pardon in that behaulfe, shalbe allowed to hym, that so is outlawed.

God save the Kyng.

Excusum Londini, in aedibus Richardi Grafton

Regij Impressoris.

Cum Privilegio ad Imprimendum solum.

Anno domini. M.D.XLVIII.

